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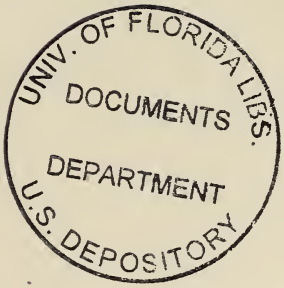

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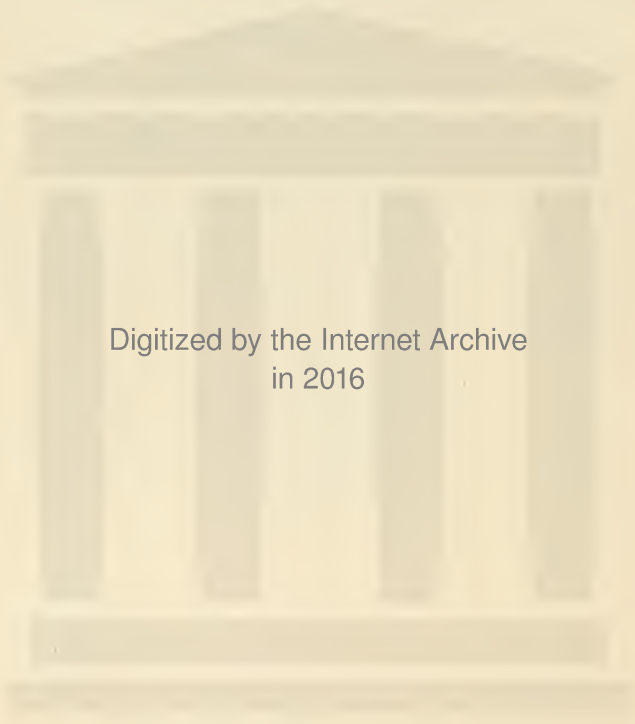
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Biography

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN was born in Middleton, Simpson County, Ky., on March 15, 1895; attended the public schools of Franklin, Ky., and was graduated from Franklin High School in 1913; delegate to all Democratic State conventions since 1915; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1917; editor in chief of the Kentucky Law Journal in 1917 and 1918; was graduated from the law department of the University of Kentucky at Lexington in 1918 and commenced practice at Irvine, Estill County, Ky., in June 1918; city attorney of Irvine, 1918–20; moved to Paris, Ky., in June 1920 and continued the practice of law, with offices at Lexington, Ky.; assisted in organizing the tobacco growers of Kentucky and nearby States into cooperative marketing associations, 1921–23; elected as a Democrat to the Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Congresses (March 4, 1925–March 3, 1929); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1928 to the Seventy-first Congress; elected to the Seventy-second and to the eight succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1931–January 3, 1949); elected as a Democrat to the United States Senate in 1948 for the term commencing January 3, 1949, and served until his death in the naval hospital at Bethesda, Md., March 8, 1951; interment in Paris Cemetery, Paris, Ky.

In the House of Representatives

TUESDAY, *April 24, 1951.*

Mr. STANLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of House Resolution 205.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, May 16, 1951, immediately after the approval of the Journal, the House shall stand at recess for the purpose of holding the memorial services as arranged by the Committee on House Administration under the provision of clause (1) (j) (2) (C) of rule XI of the Rules of the House of Representatives. The order of exercises and proceedings of the service shall be printed in the Congressional Record, and all Members shall have leave for 60 legislative days to extend their remarks in the Congressional Record, on the life, character, and public service of deceased Members. At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Speaker shall call the House to order and then as a further mark of respect to the memories of the deceased he shall declare the House adjourned.

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The resolution was agreed to.

Memorial Services
in the
House of Representatives

Eighty-second Congress
First Session

Memorial Service Program

Prelude, sacred selections (11:30 to 12)
United States Marine Corps Orchestra

Presiding Officer---------- The Speaker, Hon. Sam Rayburn

Invocation---------- The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.

Solo, There Is No Death (O'Hara)-------- Mr. Robert C. Nicholson
At the piano---------- Staff Sgt. George Manof

Scripture reading and prayer---------- The Chaplain

Roll of deceased Members
The Clerk of the House of Representatives

Rose ritual---------- Hon. Reva Beck Bosone
Representative from the State of Utah

Devotional silence.

Address---------- Hon. Prince H. Preston, Jr.
Representative from the State of Georgia

Solo, Requiem (Homer)---------- Mr. Nicholson

Address---------- Hon. Katharine St. George
Representative from the State of New York

Taps---------- Master Sgt. Edward L. Masters

Echo---------- Staff Sgt. John A. Gosling

Benediction---------- The Chaplain

Virgil Munday Chapman

Memorial Services

WEDNESDAY, *May 16, 1951.*

The SPEAKER of the House of Representatives (Mr. Rayburn) presided.

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D.:

Eternal God, our Father, whose heart always opens with love in response to our many needs, in the life of each of us there are times and experiences when all our feelings seem to impose silence.

We thank Thee for the joys which cheer us and for the trials which teach us to put our trust in Thee.

Grant that in this hour of sacred memory we may enter into a blessed communion with Thy spirit and the spirit of all upon whom Thou hast bestowed the benediction, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

Mr. Robert C. Nicholson sang There Is No Death, by O'Hara.

Staff Sgt. George Manof accompanied at the piano.

The CHAPLAIN. The Scripture readings are taken from the Old and New Testaments.

Psalm 85:

I will hear what God the Lord will say, for He will speak peace unto His people and to His saints.

Psalm 23:

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In St. Paul's great chapter on the resurrection, the fifteenth of First Corinthians, we find these words:

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.

For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

John 14 to which struggling humanity has made a beaten path:

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also.

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The following poem entitled "The Other Room" written by Robert Freeman, is a beautiful commentary on the gracious words which came from our blessed Lord:

"No, not cold beneath the grasses,
Not close-walled within the tomb;
Rather, in my Father's mansion,
Living in another room.

"Living, like the one who loves me,
Like yon child with cheeks abloom,
Out of sight, at desk or school-book,
Busy in another room.

"Nearer than the youth whom fortune
Beckons where the strange lands loom;
Just behind the hanging curtain,
Serving in another room.

"Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?
Shall I think of death as doom,
Or the stepping o'er the threshold
To a bigger, brighter room?

"Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?
Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,
When I know my love is happy,
Waiting in the other room?"

Let us pray.

O Thou, who are the author and disposer of human life, from whom our spirits have come and unto whom they return, through Thy holy word Thou hast spoken and in our own hearts Thy voice is heard.

Grant that in our times of need we may not turn our eyes upon the ground whence no help can come but may we turn them heavenward and unto Thee.

We thank Thee for Thy servants who walked and worked with us for a little while upon this earth and who are now with Thee in heavenly blessedness, having received the reward of their faith and fidelity, even the salvation of their souls.

We rejoice that whatever was beautiful and noble in their life, in Thy sight and our sight, abides forever. We have not said "farewell" but only "good night," hoping on some blessed morn to meet and dwell with them in hallowed union in that fairer land whose language is music and where joys are unceasing.

May the sorrowing and lonely be blessed with the consolations of Thy grace and may they daily avail themselves of the companionship of that friend, who sticketh closer than a brother and who abides with us not only for a day but throughout life and eternity.

We pray that Thou wilt also so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Enable us by Thy grace to carry on in faith, in faithfulness and in the fear of the Lord and at the eventide of life, when Thou dost call us to Thyself, may we receive a glorious entrance into that Kingdom of eternal blessedness which Thou hast prepared for Thy children.

Hear us in the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Mr. George J. Maurer, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, read the following roll:

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN, a Senator from the State of Kentucky; born March 15, 1895; lawyer; editor in chief of the Kentucky Law Journal, 1917 and 1918; graduated from the law department of the University of Kentucky at Lexington; city attorney of Irvine, 1918–20; elected to Sixty-ninth and Seventieth Congresses; elected to the Seventy-second and to the eight succeeding Congresses; elected to the United States Senate in 1948; died March 8, 1951.

ARTHUR HENDRICK VANDENBERG, a Senator from the State of Michigan; born March 22, 1884; editor and publisher of the Grand

Rapids Herald from 1906 to 1928; he was an author; chairman of the Michigan State Commission which placed the statue of Zachariah Chandler in the Capitol in 1913; appointed to the United States Senate on March 31, 1928; elected to the Senate on November 6, 1928, and served continuously until his death; delegate to United Nations Conference in 1945 at San Francisco; delegate to United Nations General Assembly at London and New York in 1946; United States adviser to the Council of Foreign Ministers at London, Paris, and New York in 1946; delegate to the 1947 Pan American Conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; President pro tempore of the Senate from January 4, 1947, to January 3, 1949; died April 18, 1951.

JOHN LESINSKI, a Representative from the State of Michigan; born January 3, 1885; attended Detroit University; organized several business enterprises in Michigan; for many years president of the Polish Citizens' Committee of Detroit; State commissioner in charge of the sale of Polish bonds in 1920; awarded the Polonia Restituta by the Polish Government; delegate to three Democratic national conventions; elected to the Seventy-third and the eight succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Education and Labor, Eighty-first Congress; died May 27, 1950.

WILLIAM LEMKE, a Representative from North Dakota; born August 13, 1878; graduated from the University of North Dakota and Yale University; studied law at Georgetown University; admitted to the bar in 1905 and started practice in Fargo, N. Dak.; member of the national executive committee of the National Nonpartisan League from 1917 to 1921; chairman of the Republican State committee from 1916 to 1920; attorney general of North Dakota in 1921 and 1922; Union Party candidate for President in 1936; elected to the Seventy-third and the three succeeding Congresses; then elected to the Seventy-eighth and to the three succeeding Congresses, and served until his death, May 30, 1950.

ALFRED LEE BULWINKLE, a Representative from the State of North Carolina; born April 21, 1883; studied law at the University of North Carolina and was admitted to the bar in 1904 and started practice in Dallas, Gaston County, N. C.; delegate to practically all of the Democratic State conventions since 1904; prosecuting attorney for the municipal court in Gastonia from 1913 to 1916; captain in North Carolina National Guard from 1909 to 1917; served on Mexican Border and, as a major, in the American Expeditionary Forces; United States adviser in the International Civil Aviation

Organization Conference at Montreal, Canada, and Geneva, Switzerland, in 1947; elected to 14 Congresses, including the Eighty-first; died August 31, 1950.

HERBERT ALTON MEYER, a Representative from the State of Kansas; born August 30, 1886; attended Staunton Military Academy, Staunton, Va., and George Washington University, Washington, D. C., and graduated from National University Law School, Washington, D. C., in 1910; he was admitted to the bar in 1910; served as a captain in the United States Army Air Corps; he was assistant to the Secretary of the Interior Department from 1915 to 1917; a successful businessman and a publisher; he served in the Eightieth and Eighty-first Congresses; died October 2, 1950,

JOHN BERCHMANS SULLIVAN, a Representative from the State of Missouri; born October 10, 1897; graduated from St. Louis University in 1918; served as a private in the First World War; admitted to the bar in 1921 and started practice in St. Louis; delegate to the Democratic State Conventions in 1928, 1932, and 1940; associate city counselor of St. Louis from 1936 to 1938; secretary to the mayor of St. Louis from 1938 to 1940, author of the St. Louis smoke elimination ordinance; special assistant to the United States Attorney General in 1947 and 1948; elected to the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-ninth, Eighty-first, and Eighty-second Congresses; died January 29, 1951.

FRANK BUCHANAN, a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania; born December 1, 1902; graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1925; taught in the high schools of Homestead and McKeesport, Pa.; entered business and became an economic consultant; served as mayor of McKeesport, Pa.; elected to the Seventy-ninth Congress and was reelected to the Eightieth, Eighty-first, and Eighty-second Congresses; died April 27, 1951.

JOHN KEE, a Representative from the State of West Virginia; born August 22, 1874; attended West Virginia University at Morgantown; studied law; was admitted to the bar in 1897 and began practice in Glenville, W. Va.; he served as counsel for the Virginia Railway Co. from 1902 to 1910; in 1916 he started special legal work in Mexico, he was a member of the State senate from 1923 to 1927; he was elected to the Seventy-third and to all succeeding Congresses; chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs; died May 8, 1951.

Mrs. BOSONE, a Representative from the State of Utah, standing in front of the Speaker's rostrum, placed a memo-

rial rose in a vase as the name of each deceased Member was read by the Clerk.

There followed a period of devotional silence, during which the Members stood.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. Preston].

Hon. PRINCE H. PRESTON, JR., a Representative from the State of Georgia, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. PRINCE H. PRESTON, JR.

Mr. PRESTON. Mr. Speaker, each civilization develops its own peculiar customs, and one of ours is to wait until death comes to give full confession of love and respect for our friends. And so today, in accordance with a long-standing custom, we are met to pay affectionate tribute to our colleagues who have departed this life during the past 12 months.

This is a tender moment for all of us who knew so well the seven Members of the House of Representatives and two Members of the Senate whose memories we honor today. It is a moment when we can put out of our minds all thoughts of material things and permit our recollection to bring before our eyes in realistic pageantry the hours, the days, and years spent in pleasant association with these noblemen.

> Nature's own nobleman, friendly and frank
> Is a man with his heart in his hand.

It is a moment of intense reality, for as we heard the honor roll called, we realized to what great extent the angel of death has been among us, and it wakes up within us the thought that we too may soon be brushed by its wings.

> His wings are gray and trailing,
> Azrael, Angel of Death,
> And yet the souls that Azrael brings
> Across the dark and cold,
> Look up beneath those folded wings,
> And find them lined with gold.

It is a moment of great reverence as we lift our voices in adulation, firm in the belief that listening ears in the far-off yonder will softly hear and accept the tribute we pay their precious memory.

Moreover, it is a moment of humility when the spirit takes hold and we tremble in the thought of our unworthiness. We stand in the warmth of the rays from God's light of love and all too often never look up to see from whence it comes. Let us pause in the sacredness of the hour to acknowledge our debt of love to Him who giveth life and taketh it away.

Yes, it too is a moment of consecration; a moment full with fresh thoughts of the passing from our midst of our valued friends who, beyond any doubt, won by their devoted service a seat in that invisible Congress presided over by Him from whose rulings there is no appeal. This is a moment for consecration and rededication to the proposition of immortality to the end that when the time comes to yield our term on earth that we may inherit a legacy of eternal membership in that body supreme, there to join those we honor today. I am constantly reminded of the philosophy expressed by Ingalls in his eulogy of Ben Hill, of my native State, when I ponder the glories of heaven. He said:

> Every man's life is the center of a circle. Within its narrow confines he is potential; beyond he perishes. And if immortality be a splendid but elusive dream, if the incompleteness of every human career, even the longest and most fortunate, be not perfected and supplemented after its termination here, then he who fears to die should dread to live, for life would be a tragedy more desolate and inexplicable than death.

How can we find it in our hearts to believe that God will break faith with all the sons of men on the assurance of the words of Genesis:

> And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

And it is on this premise that we gather today, joined by the families and close friends of our late Members, to hallow their memory with our inadequate expressions of devotion and appreciation.

These great men gave freely to the effort to preserve our Republic. Theirs the effort to see to it that representative and constitutional government for a free people did not succumb, that equality of opportunity under the law should always survive; that the restraint of the mighty and the protection of the weak be a legal fact and not an academic fiction. Theirs to hold to the ancient faith of the founders—to preserve the old fidelities of policy, to revere the precedents honorably established—but likewise to pioneer in new fields of remedy and procedure when the old order grew archaic and unstable. And there lies one of the distressing problems of congressional service; to make decisions to abandon an established tenet of policy honored during the reach of years, but now found inadequate to meet the evolution of events and the fickle currents of public opinion. It is no easy thing to remove "the ancient landmarks thy fathers have set" and neither is it a trivial thing to choose a safer outpost than the old fortress to be abandoned. Our honored colleagues measured up in the highest degree to all responsibilities devolving upon them.

No one knows better than the members of the families of these distinguished gentlemen, the sustained stress and strain of serving in Congress; the years trimmed from a normal expectancy because of the arduous hours spent in meeting duty with full measure of effort. We saw them working when they should have been resting. We noticed the hours they spent at night and on week ends dealing with the problems of the hour. We heard them spurn the advice of friends and colleagues to desist from strenuous effort, but devotion to duty overruled better judgment and now they are gone.

Farewell, friends, yet not farewell;
Where I am, ye, too, shall dwell.
I am gone before your face,
A moment's time, a little space.

Mr. Speaker, not only were our revered colleagues good men with a high sense of appreciation for moral and spiritual values, but they were wise men. How interesting it has been to me to study the Congressional Record and read how well and truly each of them left for posterity great words of wisdom, words of admonition. Some of these statements are startlingly accurate in caution and prediction.

Listen to the words of ARTHUR VANDENBERG, architect of the United Nations, spoken on January 10, 1945:

Mr. President, we still have two major wars to win. I said "we." That does not mean America alone. It means the continued and total battle fraternity of the United Nations. It must mean one for all and all for one; and it will mean this, unless somewhere in this grand alliance the stupid and sinister folly of ulterior ambitions shall invite the enemy to postpone our victory through our own rivalries and our own confusion. The United Nations, in even greater unity of military action than heretofore, must never, for any cause, permit this military unity to fall apart. If it does, we shall count the cost in mortal anguish, even though we stumble on to a belated, though inevitable, victory.

On February 28, 1941, JOHN KEE, who so recently left us, made a significant plea for lend-lease when he said:

We must supply this aid to England in this her time of need, not alone because it is her need, but because it is our need and the need of every other free and liberty-loving nation on earth. And if, with our help, England wins and we are saved from the horrors of war, we will be in position to lead the world back to the ways of peace, back to a love of justice and liberty, back, let us hope, once more to the love and worship of God.

We recall the timely warning given on June 27, 1949, by FRANK BUCHANAN when he said:

We have advanced a great step forward away from isolationism. Some people would try to make out that questioning of funds for foreign aid, both ECA and arms for Europe, mean a new wave of isolationism. It is a healthy sign, rather than a pessimistic one,

because there is a real regard for caution and a raising of the question as to how much we really can afford to spend.

We, as Members of Congress, should awaken to the idea and to the hard economic fact that this Nation's resources are not without limit.

How right was HERBERT MEYER on July 25, 1950, when he cautioned:

In these critical days every precaution should be taken to see that no materials and supplies from the United States or any of the countries allied with the United States in the effort to confine communism should reach the forces arrayed against us.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, in the archives of the Congress we find well established in the record the story of the yearnings of these men for the creation of conditions and laws insuring a higher standard of living for their fellow countrymen. Allow me to quote further. These are almost familiar words from VIRGIL CHAPMAN, uttered on June 19, 1948:

Nothing is more fundamental than that the permanence and the prosperity of American institutions depend on the intelligence and character of the American people. Cultivated mind is the only leadership which free people will accept and free government cannot function long or successfully unless it derives its powers from an electorate of intelligence and character. There is more of the spirit of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights in the public school system than in any other of our cherished institutions. It is the symbol of democracy in the broadest and most vital sense in which that word can be used, including the kind of democracy that teaches every man to be his brother's keeper and to love his neighbor as himself.

Listen to ALFRED BULWINKLE on July 26, 1946, who was so long a hospital patient before his passing:

This hospital bill (Hospital Survey and Construction Act) * * * will do much to alleviate suffering, and to make the lot of many people easier. It will place this Nation of ours in the forefront of all nations in public health and public welfare.

The voice of WILLIAM LEMKE can be heard as he said on December 17, 1937:

Congress should now assume its constitutional duty and again write the Nation's laws. It should write a farm bill which will

give to the farmers cost of production for that part of commodities consumed in the United States. It should write a labor bill which will give to every laboring man a living wage—an American standard of living. The time is at hand when the intelligent people of this Nation must wake up and assume their responsibility.

Then comes the voice of JOHN LESINSKI, independent and challenging, on April 19, 1946.

I care little whether legislation has the approval of the Bureau of the Budget and the administration so long as it is for the benefit of the many.

Striking a true tone, JOHN SULLIVAN pronounced on June 24, 1949:

I subscribe to the theory of good housing as an investment in good citizenship. I know of no single factor in our society that has more to do with shaping the American way of life than the homes our people live in.

These are but samples of the record of constructive service our brethren carved for themselves. These are but brief exhibits from a great file of evidence already accepted by the court of public acclaim.

And so, standing before the monuments these gallant men erected for themselves while among us by deed and kindly act, we bid them farewell—in sorrow but with uplifted hearts. We mourn with their loved ones; and in bereavement we recall that, while all men must meet death somewhere on the way, these our colleagues were privileged to meet it on the open road, in the day of their service, with their honors full upon them. But before we turn away we would take the sculptor's chisel and cut these words upon their monuments of alabaster clear—

Yes, I have lived! Pass on
And trouble me with questions nevermore—
I suffered. I have won
A solemn peace—my peace forevermore.
Leave me in silence here.
I have hope, no care,
I know no fear;
For I have borne—but now no longer bear.

Mr. Robert C. Nicholson sang Requiem, by Homer.

Staff Sgt. George Manof accompanied at the piano.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York [Mrs. St. George].

Hon. KATHARINE ST. GEORGE, a Representative from the State of New York, delivered the following address:

ADDRESS BY HON. KATHARINE ST. GEORGE

Mrs. ST. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, we are once more met to commemorate the passing, this year, of nine of our friends and colleagues.

It is well that we should pause, even now when the world is in such confusion and turmoil and stop to think of them, of what they were, of what they stood for, and in what they believed. We come here not as men and women grief-stricken and without hope but to renew our faith in the work that these men did and were doing, to gain courage from their example and strength from their steadfastness.

There is, in very truth, a closely knit fraternity that exists in the Congress of the United States. We all have the same problems, the same disappointments, the same successes and failures regardless of party labels, and so when we die in harness, as these nine have done, giving the last full measure of service to their country, we pause with pride and understanding and we seem to hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

These men worked to the last. They did not spare themselves. Many times, we know, that they were asked to rest, to halt, but to save themselves they could not and would not and for that, too, we admire them.

I saw a picture the other day of a young and dashing marine, evidently just dashing into combat, and the caption under the picture was: "Come on, you guys, do you want to live forever?" That boy had a smile on his lips and these, our comrades, had that same smile and that same

desire to do all that the situation and the times demanded of them even if it meant shortening their lives here on earth.

The lives of these men were rewarding and for that reason, hard. Because nothing is worth having that has not cost us something to gain. The closeness to one's own little district or State is a very precious thing. The fact that people turn to their Congressman for certain services and even more important, turn to them in personal matters and problems, all these things bring truly great rewards. The friendships made with men and women in every walk of life, the broadening of one's whole horizon as day by day we get to know and understand more and more of humanity. More of its frailty, yes, but also more of its dignity, of its faith, and of its courage.

These men we honor today accomplished much because they understood these things. In this age of mechanical perfection there is still no substitute for the human touch and for human work and understanding. For that reason these human friends of ours are remembered. Great engines of peace and war are scrapped and forgotten when they have accomplished their work. But men are remembered because of that divine spark that is in us all and that goes on and on into eternity, leaving something here on earth. Here is the roll:

Senator VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN, Kentucky.
Senator ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, Michigan.
Representative JOHN LESINSKI, Michigan.
Representative WILLIAM LEMKE, North Dakota.
Representative ALFRED LEE BULWINKLE, North Carolina.
Representative HERBERT A. MEYER, Kansas.
Representative JOHN B. SULLIVAN, Missouri.
Representative FRANK BUCHANAN, Pennsylvania.
Representative JOHN KEE, West Virginia.

As I name them, each one of you will remember some personal touch, or some especial word or phrase that you will carry all through your life and that was a part of them. It is too soon for us to appraise their place in history but we know that they had little thought of that, but did the tasks that came to hand, always going forward, never turning back. It is quite possible that in the future some of these colleagues of ours and their works will be proved important to humanity. It is never those who get the greatest acclaim in life who are the giants of history and it is well to remember the words of Phillips Brooks who, in writing of Christ, said:

> Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.
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> I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as that one solitary life.

No; as time passes and the storms and the earthquakes subside the still small voice emerges and triumphs and the stone that the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone of the building.

Today we are all worried and afraid. We are confused and it seems that so much that we had trusted has failed. We must turn again to the God of our fathers who gave them this good land and to whom they turned always in adversity and prosperity. This Nation was founded on the principle of a deep belief and faith in God. True, religion and government were to be separate, but let no one imagine from that we were an irreligious people, nothing could be farther from the truth. Of late we have turned away from these basic concepts and have begun to trust in our own strength, our own righteousness, and our own power. This has led us into confusion and sorrow. We must remember that we are

equal, but under God; we must remember that His is the power and the glory and that ours is only a faint reflection of it. Man must look up and beyond himself, if he would have peace of mind, and without that he cannot succeed. The world today needs peace of mind. Needs to have faith so that we can achieve those things that at times seem beyond our reach, but with faith all things are possible.

As these Congressmen went through life, they had faith to carry on their tasks and the accomplishments and successes they achieved were their reward. Many worked for peace, others worked to make the world and this country a better place for men to live in, and if necessary die for. The earthly rewards of a Member of Congress are meager and yet we know that we love our work and that nothing else would be as satisfying. It is because this is a human job that brings us all close together in a common task. We may not always succeed, in fact we may often fail, but we know what we are striving for and what these men strove and died for; to prove that freedom under God can survive and can overcome its enemies be they ever so powerful both at home and abroad. That is a creed worth fighting for and just as our soldiers fight and die for it on battlefields, so these nine men fought and probably truly died for it right in the Congress of the United States.

To you their families and friends who are here we can but say this is a proud moment for you, this is indeed their finest hour, the task has been accomplished, the victory has been won and they go on from strength to strength.

For us their colleagues who remain behind, we too are cheered and heartened by their examples, we have not always agreed but we have always respected each other. We have fought a good fight together and we will try to carry on where these, our brothers, left off until that great day:

When earth's last picture is painted and the tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colors have faded, and the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest and faith we shall need it, lie down for an aeon or two,
Till the Master of all good workmen shall put us to work anew.

And only the Master shall praise us and only the Master shall blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of the working and each, in his separate star,
Shall draw the thing as he sees it for the good of things as they are.

Master Sgt. Edward L. Masters sounded taps, the echo being sounded by Staff Sgt. John A. Gosling.

The Chaplain pronounced the following benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift upon you His countenance and give you peace. Amen.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 205, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Chair declares the House adjourned until 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 12 o'clock and 56 minutes p. m.) under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 17, 1951, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Memorial Tributes
to
Virgil Munday Chapman

Memorial Tributes

Remarks by Senator Clements

Of Kentucky

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record some statements made relative to my good friend and deceased colleague, VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN. The first is an editorial by Mr. Charles Fennell, writing for the Cynthiana Democrat, published at Cynthiana, Ky. Second is a resolution of the Paris Chamber of Commerce, Paris, Ky., and the third an introduction to a radio program sponsored by the Associated Industries of Kentucky, given on March 11, 1951, shortly after the funeral services at Paris, Ky.

There being no objection, the editorial, resolution, and introduction were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

SENATOR VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN

(By Charles Fennell)

The death of Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN was tragic and untimely. He had entered upon a career in the Senate which gave fuller scope to his powers and in which he was fast winning the admiration, respect, and confidence of his colleagues and the country. Had his services continued he would have added his name to the top five or six greatest men that Kentucky has contributed to the public life of America.

He had the finest mind of any man we have known. The scope of his intellectual interests was wide and scholarly. His knowledge of history and of literature was amazing. He could quote from the classics by the hour.

The basic political principle of his life can be summed up in one word—balance. To him the general welfare and happiness of our country depends upon achieving and maintaining a practical balance among the great segments of our economy—agriculture, labor,

industry, commerce, and finance. When viewed in this light his political career has the unity and singleness of purpose of a drama. At its beginning in 1924 the industrial, commercial, and financial interest had achieved a domination of the national economy. This had destroyed its balance and had left agriculture a "sick economy," as President Coolidge called it. Among the victims of this imbalance none were harder hit than the tobacco growers of his district and State whose champion he became.

A life-long friend of labor as another victim of the imbalance, he refused to go along with the dictatorship of the labor bosses when they sought domination of the economy as he had previously fought other such attempts by industry and finance. He knew that their success would be ruinous to all including our laborers. In this he was a truer friend of the laborer than these power-crazy bosses. He would have opposed any similar attempt at domination by agriculture for the same reason.

His long-time advocacy of military and naval preparedness sprang from the same principle. He knew that a balance of power among nations is necessary to international peace and recognized the hard fact that power can be matched only with power, and that only a strong nation can speak with authority. At the council table as well as in the field "God is on the side of the big battalions." He had no patience with those idealists who closed their eyes to realities and whose rhetorical ecstasies would have and, in part, did, strip us of our armed strength. He did not associate weakness with righteousness and saw no reason why the strong cannot entertain and defend high ideals as well as the weak.

Great as were his mental endowments they were fully matched by his political and moral courage. It is doubtful if any Member of either Chamber in Congress during the last 20 years has stood up for his convictions at the peril of his political life as often as has VIRGIL CHAPMAN. It can be truthfully said of him that he never betrayed a conviction or a friend for the sake of expediency or gain. This firmness and courage attracted and held the thousands of devoted friends who loyally followed him to the end. He had justified their faith in him. This was expressed by one of them on hearing of his death in an old expression of the mountains: "You can swim the river and ride the mountain with old Virgil," the ultimate tribute to his dependability.

A great Kentuckian, a great American, a great human being sleeps in that newly made grave at Paris. May his slumbers be as sweet as the memories he leaves behind him.

PARIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC.,
Paris, Ky.

RESOLUTION

Whereas VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN was, up until the time of his death, a valued and esteemed Senator of the United States Senate and a tenacious defender of the political principles in which we all believe; and

Whereas for many years VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN contributed freely of his time and energy for the betterment of Kentucky farmers, as well as farmers in other parts of the Nation, and contributed freely of his time in the interest of all of his constituents; and

Whereas, although VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN was serving his first term in the United States Senate, he had gained a reputation among his fellow colleagues as a man of rugged honesty, high integrity, and intense loyalty; and

Whereas VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN'S associates on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Public Service Committee have lost a man of great intellect and a strong advocate of sound legislation; and

Whereas the city of Paris and Bourbon County have benefited greatly by his lofty purpose and sterling character; and

Whereas the people of the city of Paris and Bourbon County have received an irreparable loss to their community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Paris Chamber of Commerce does hereby in this manner take official notice of the important facts hereinbefore set forth; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the faithful wife and family of VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN; and that a copy hereof be published in each of the newspapers of general circulation in this city; and that a copy be transmitted to the United States Senate.

This resolution passed this 10th day of March 1951.

MILES M. DAVIS, *President.*

Attest:

LOUIS ELMORE, *Secretary.*

Committee on resolutions: Miles M. Davis, Clay H. Sutherland, Sam Milner.

[From the radio program Americans, Speak Up, March 11, 1951]

Each Sunday afternoon at this time, Associated Industries of Kentucky brings you these interviews by Bill Slater with prominent and loyal Americans in the interest of defending and strengthening our American heritage of freedom.

Death came Thursday to the senior Senator from Kentucky, VIRGIL CHAPMAN, of Paris. All of us may not have agreed with Senator CHAPMAN's views and opinions on the pressing problems of our time. But Senator CHAPMAN was a loyal American and Kentuckian who had the courage of his convictions. He was a man who would stand up and be counted for the things he thought were right. And he did not hesitate to put the good of his country before his political party.

Associated Industries regrets deeply the tragic and untimely death of a man of this kind. Perhaps as never before, America needs men who stand for principle, men who believe that the welfare of our Nation must not be substituted for political expediency; men who believe that our Constitution and our Bill of Rights are sacred to the American heritage of freedom and liberty.

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the Record an editorial from the Paris, Ky., newspaper, the Paris Kentuckian-Citizen, and also one from the Oldham Era, of La Grange, Ky., relative to my good friend and deceased colleague VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN:

There being no objection, the editorials were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Paris Kentuckian-Citizen]

WE SHALL NEVER SEE HIS LIKE AGAIN

The sad news of the death of Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN in Washington Thursday morning was received in his home community of Bourbon County a short while later as a shock which has been, perhaps, without parallel in the history of the county.

The impact of the almost unbelievable loss has been such that expression is still difficult under the stunning realization that his eloquent voice has been finally stilled, that his stout heart no longer beats, and that his strong hand has been removed from the shoulders of his beloved people.

Through the untimely death of VIRGIL CHAPMAN, we are sure that a great statesman has been lost to the Nation in a trying hour. We know that the people of Kentucky have lost a great advocate. The people of his home community have lost, indeed, a great friend.

The Kentuckian-Citizen, his home-town newspaper, leaves the larger tributes the hour seems to demand to other associates of Senator CHAPMAN, hoping to remain, rather, on the plane of sim-

plicity reserved for his old-time friends and neighbors. We who knew him best here at home knew him for traits of sterling character which will be the truest measure of his worth—for his rugged honesty, for his high integrity, for his intense loyalty, and for his lofty purpose. We remember him through many years since first he enlisted his services under the banner of exalted principle—a banner which fluttered to the ground Thursday on what seems to us to have been the very threshold of an even greater stewardship, unsullied still by the sacrifice of a single conviction.

His fine virtues far transcended his faults, to a degree only recording of the scroll will reveal eventually. He was our friend, tried and true. Our hearts are heavy today here in Bourbon County because of his death.

[From the Oldham (Ky.) Era of March 6, 1951]

A Nobleman Stricken From the Senate Rolls

The untimely death of Senator Virgil M. Chapman is not only a loss to Kentucky but to the United States Senate and to the Nation. After a long and distinguished service in the House of Representatives he brought to the Senate that wealth of legislative experience, sound judgment, and wise counsel so necessary to fulfill prudently the obligations of a Senator and he was daily growing in political stature.

One had to know him to appreciate what he really was and to appraise his true character. The people have had few servants more honest, more conscientious, more loyal, and dependable. It is difficult to find a deeper student of the history of our colonial ancestors who were responsible for the birth of this Nation.

His first visits to Oldham County were in the days of the organization of the Burley Tobacco Cooperative Association. He made friends among the farmers and businessmen of this country and they were his friends forever. When Oldham County was a part of the district he so ably represented his visits were frequent and he continued to add friends.

Virgil Chapman was an experienced, illustrious statesman, a peerless orator, and a great patriot who knew no dictator but his conscience, no guide but his judgment, and no purpose but to serve his country. While on the mountaintop of success in the very heyday of manhood, while all the tides of life and joy and hope were flowing full and fair, from an environment of prosperity, comfort, love, and peace, he was abruptly summoned to take his journey to that mysterious country from which no traveler ever

returns. With courage and hope, he went from the restless land of the living into the silent land of the dead.

He was a man who thought clearly, who considered questions logically, and who possessed the virtue of thinking straight. He arrived at decisions quickly, and once having arrived at a decision as to what was right he could not be changed. He would not tolerate what he believed to be wrong.

During his legislative experience, his fine character, intellectual integrity, farseeing statesmanship, and wise counsel were outstanding. He loved his country and realized its great power and influence in world affairs.

There was nothing narrow about his vision. He saw with uncanny accuracy the likely unfolding of world events and threw his great vision and statesmanship into the struggle to bring his countrymen and men and women everywhere a chance for peace and prosperity on a world-wide scale.

His convictions were founded on deep thought. Compromises were not a part of his nature. He began and ended his career with the same basic philosophy of government. The illustrious son of a great State, beloved by all who knew him, he left footprints that will endure for all time. The legislative annals of the Nation have been enriched by the eloquence, the persuasion, and the logic of his oratory.

"And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
Goes down with a great shout upon the hills
And leaves a lonesome place against the sky."

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the appendix of the Record an article paying tribute to the late Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN, published in the Food and Drug Review for April 1951.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

SENATOR VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN

Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN's tragic death on March 8 brought many splendid tributes to his public service during a distinguished legislative career. To these, Deputy Commissioner Charles W. Crawford adds the following comments on Senator CHAPMAN's outstanding contribution to the history of Federal food and drug regulation:

"Because of VIRGIL CHAPMAN'S great modesty, he did not gain the public recognition he deserved for his vitally important role in enacting the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938. He often told me he felt that this was his greatest contribution during his long career in Congress.

"When the bill which eventually became our present law was passed by the Senate in 1935 and went to the House, it was referred to a subcommittee of which Mr. CHAPMAN was chairman. It was loaded with emasculating amendments forced into it by the patent-medicine industry over the heroic opposition of Senator Royal S. Copeland, its sponsor in the upper House. The industry group was elated in the belief that they had such command of the situation that they could either compel the enactment of a new law that would give less consumer protection than the Food and Drugs Act of 1906, or at least prevent new legislation of any kind.

"But they had not reckoned on facing a man like CHAPMAN. Between sessions of his committee he worked far into the nights reading publications and records and talking with persons familiar with the problems. Industry witnesses before the committee found themselves in trouble when they tried to distort facts or gloss over those unfavorable to their objectives. Always courteous and good-humored, his cross-questioning was as keen and skillfully directed as a surgeon's scalpel. It laid bare for all to see the greed and disregard for human welfare that underlay so much of the opposition to a better law.

"This hearing turned the tide. As the facts CHAPMAN exposed became more generally known, real progress set in. He continued his active support until the measure was finally passed. He was responsible for including a highly important provision during the last committee meeting before the bill went to the floor for passage. This was section 301 (k), which asserts control over articles received from interstate sources until sale to the ultimate consumer. CHAPMAN aided in writing the Miller amendment of 1948 which broadened and consolidated this control.

"VIRGIL CHAPMAN'S place is secure as a distinguished legislator, statesman, and humanitarian. The public generally, and particularly we who enforce food and drug legislation, owe him an everlasting debt. We who were privileged to know him and work with him have lost a dearly beloved friend."

Remarks by Senator Stennis

Of Mississippi

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, I was so impressed by the remarks made by Mr. John W. Jones, president of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, and intimate and long-time friend of the late Senator CHAPMAN, at a gathering in Lexington, Ky., on the sad occasion of the funeral of Senator CHAPMAN, that I asked Mr. Jones to reduce his impromptu eulogy to writing in order that it might be inserted in the Record. I ask unanimous consent, therefore, that the afore-mentioned remarks be printed in the appendix of the Record.

There being no objection, the address was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

TRIBUTE TO VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN

There are so many distinguished gentlemen around this table—Senators, Governors, Members of the National House of Representatives, judges, lawyers, and others of outstanding success in their chosen occupations—that in beginning I will simply say: Gentlemen, you are guests this evening of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, and though the occasion that brings many of you to Kentucky is a sad one, we are pleased to have you as our guests, and we personally appreciate and desire to thank the colleagues of Senator CHAPMAN for the deserved honor they pay our dear friend in escorting his remains to Paris, Ky. Kentucky mourns the tragic and untimely death of Senator CHAPMAN; as yet we have not recovered from the shock. Kentucky loves him, the farm folk of Kentucky love him dearly, and I love him far beyond the love usual for one man to bear another.

He was a true patriot, an outstanding statesman, a loyal friend, great of mind, warm of heart, honest personally, and honest intellectually, always modest and humble. He was a great historian, and I will never cease to wonder at the great amount of exact information he carried in his mind.

His office in Washington was my home when in that city, and how rich the experience when I would sit with him in his office,

and also in Kentucky and listen as he talked of international and national affairs, and of constitutional government. Frequently the conversation would turn to outstanding leaders of other days—Jefferson, and the sage of Monticello would come alive and would be in our company, as VIRGIL spoke of him as familiarly and intimately as if he were present. And then Jackson and the courageous soul of the Hermitage would stand out in all the rugged strength of his unusual character. If still in the mood it would be that matchless Southerner, General Lee. VIRGIL'S voice would be loving and gentle as he described the distinguished service of this Christian gentleman to his people not only in war, but in peace, as he sought to bind up the wound and hurt of war and unite a divided Nation in peace. How blessed to me was such an experience and how rich such a fellowship. I believe in immortality, personal immortality, and perhaps already there has been a meeting of these great souls. VIRGIL would need no introduction for he has known them through the years.

VIRGIL and I started together in making schoolhouse speeches in our effort to form the organization that is your host this evening. VIRGIL went on to greatness. The Burley organization serves directly one-third of the population of Kentucky, and indirectly every man, woman, and child within its boundary. VIRGIL CHAPMAN has advocated and urged, and with the votes of many of you present, has passed the farm legislation that has blessed our people. Better farms, better homes, better living conditions for the farmer's family have been the result of better prices. The farm folk of Kentucky will not forget. A granite shaft will, perhaps, be erected at Paris, Ky., to mark his resting place, but the things that he has done to bless so many of the people of Kentucky, whom he loved, will be his real memorial as children and the children of children hear from the lips of fathers and mothers of his untiring and successful efforts in bringing to them the better things of life. An automobile accident took his life, yet the wear, tear, and exhaustion of an unselfish service for his people had gone far to weaken a strong constitution. I personally know this.

We join in sorrow with you gentlemen from Washington. I am sure VIRGIL'S spirit is near us this evening. We meet with you here because we love him. When my earthly pilgrimage is over, I will find VIRGIL and there in some sequestered spot in that eternal country I will sit in his company, and listen in as he talks with those who have been the great of all the earth.

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THURSDAY, *March 8, 1951.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father God, help of the ages past, hope for the years to come: In the secret place of the Most High, in the hush of this hallowed moment closing the door upon the outer world, with its tumultuous and unpredictable events, in the white light of Thy holiness we know ourselves for what we are, petty and proud creatures who seek their own wills and whims, in spite of the polished courtesies and noble professions with which we come to Thee.

Cleanse the inner fountains of our hearts from all defiling foulness and from the secret sin of pretense. Touch our lips with live coals from Thy altar of devotion. Fit us to faithfully protect the Republic from outward aggression and from inner selfishness. We ask it in the dear Redeemer's name.

With shocked hearts we come with sorrow to this session mourning the tragic ending of the useful life of an honored Member of this body, who only yesterday occupied his seat in this Chamber.

For the high caliber of the public service he rendered, for the unsullied integrity of his official and private life, for his sterling qualities of character, for the jovial disposition which endeared him to all associated with him as he lived in his house by the side of the road and was a friend to man, we thank Thee, Master of all good workmen. May the benedictions of Thy sustaining grace rest upon his dear ones so sorely bereaved.

Realizing that in the midst of life we are in death, may we each face our tasks with the deep solemnity of those who know not what a day may bring forth. Amen.

Mr. McFARLAND. Mr. President, it is with great personal sorrow that I rise to announce to the Senate the death of our dear friend and esteemed colleague, the senior Senator from Kentucky [Mr. CHAPMAN]. The Senator passed away a few hours ago at a hospital, following an automobile accident last night. Like the soldier he was, Mr. President, he had stayed up until the early hours of the morning working on an address which he expected to deliver today on the universal military training provision of the pending bill. He was to have had charge of the debate on that important subject. On the preceding day, he had worked at his office until 5 o'clock in the morning. Only yesterday he was on this floor with us, lending his wise counsel and friendly aid in the serious legislative problem before us.

The sudden and tragic death of Senator CHAPMAN is a profound personal blow to me. I knew him well. I considered him one of my closest friends. To the multitude of encomiums which will be said of him, one fact will stand out—he was a loyal man, a true friend, a man on whom one could count in all cases and under all conditions and vicissitudes.

His death is a great loss to the State which he so ably represented. It is an even greater loss to the Senate and to the Nation. While he was a Member of this body for only the past 2 years he had served nearly a quarter of a century in the House of Representatives and brought to the Senate that wealth of legislative experience, sound judgment, and wise counsel so necessary to fulfill prudently the obligations of a Senator of the United States.

I cannot find words adequate to express my feelings and to describe the character of this great man. One had to know VIRGIL CHAPMAN to appreciate what he really was and to appraise his true character. A more honest, conscientious, and hard-working man, a more loyal and selfless soldier, I have never known.

In this tragic moment our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to Mrs. Chapman, his daughter, and his grandchildren.

They have lost a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather. The people of Kentucky have lost a great Senator, a sincere friend, and a great man. Mr. President, I find it difficult to say more at this moment.

Mr. President, in a few moments I shall present a resolution in behalf of Senator CHAPMAN'S colleague [Mr. Clements], who is confined in a hospital because of illness and, therefore, cannot be with us today.

The resolution which I intend to offer will provide that the Senate adjourn out of respect to the memory of the senior Senator from Kentucky until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. McFARLAND. Mr. President, in behalf of the junior Senator from Kentucky [Mr. Clements] I now send to the desk a resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 96) was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN, late a Senator from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

Mr. RUSSELL. Mr. President, I have not words to express my feelings over the shocking news which has just reached Members of the Senate: I would be recreant to a friendship that was above price if I did not attempt to make an humble expression of my thoughts.

I have always believed that loyalty is a primary human virtue. Loyalty was the hallmark of VIRGIL CHAPMAN—loyalty to his Nation, to his State, and to his friends. He

possessed many great traits of character; but when we measure VIRGIL CHAPMAN'S life by the standard of loyalty, he becomes a giant figure. Utterly unselfish, his loyalty to those he loved and trusted was whole and complete.

In his political life he possessed a courage and forthrightness which is rare in these days. He was never afraid to speak his convictions. In politics the Constitution, as our forefathers wrote it, was his shrine. There was no power on earth that could have caused him to deviate from his course when he believed that it was charted by the Constitution. He was a great student of history, and he knew how to apply his knowledge in the legislative field. He was a courteous gentleman of the old school, a gentleman in the finest and highest sense of that word.

I was privileged to be intimately associated with him. I never heard him say an unkind word about any human being. He was utterly incapable of any petty thought or action. He will be missed in this body. He will be missed in the State which he loved. We who knew him intimately have been granted a great blessing. I am proud that I was privileged to bask in his friendship, to call him friend, and to know the warmth of feeling that he had for those whom he loved. My life has been greatly enriched by our association and understanding. I shall draw upon it for courage in the days ahead.

Mr. SALTONSTALL. Mr. President, as one who in the Armed Services Committee sat across the table from our late colleague, Senator CHAPMAN, ever since he and I became Members of this body, and as one who served with him on several subcommittees where we were intimately associated over many hours, I rise to join my colleagues in their expressions of deep sorrow at the sudden and untimely death of Senator CHAPMAN.

He was always a courteous gentleman, in the true sense of that word. He was loyal to his convictions. He was slow

to speak, but when he spoke he spoke with great eloquence and clarity.

I agree with what the Senator from Georgia [Mr. Russell] has said. In all my association with Senator CHAPMAN I never heard him say an unkind word about any of his colleagues or about any citizen, no matter what his thoughts might have been.

He was a great student of history and knew intimately the historical facts about our beloved country. We shall all miss him as a friend, we shall miss him as a companion, and we shall miss him as a true public servant in the highest sense of that word.

Mr. BRIDGES. Mr. President, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to VIRGIL CHAPMAN. It was my pleasure to serve with him on the Armed Services Committee and on the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee since the creation of those bodies.

I feel that I have lost a loyal personal friend. I know that the Senate has lost an able public servant. He combined in his nature those rare characteristics which are found in so few persons—sincerity, friendliness, loyalty, integrity, courage, and vision—which we like to see in all our colleagues and in those in public life.

I wish to express my deep personal sorrow in the extreme loss the Senate and the country have suffered by the passing of a distinguished public servant. I tender my sympathy to the bereaved family.

Mr. WHERRY. Mr. President, I desire to join in the sentiments expressed by Senators on both sides of the aisle. It was not my privilege to know VIRGIL CHAPMAN as well as many of my colleagues did. I had the very pleasant experience of working with him a year ago, and enjoyed very much the association with him in the hearings being conducted jointly by the Foreign Relations Committee and the Armed Services Committee during the past 2 or 3 weeks. I came to know

him as a very lovable man. He seemed to be able to inject a bit of infectious and pleasant humor into the consideration of subjects of a serious nature. He earned a place in the hearts of every Member of the Senate.

Mr. President, I hope his sunny disposition, the way he somehow could adjust himself to all situations and circumstances with which he had to deal, may be an inspiration to all of us as we consider the very serious problems which now confront the Senate.

Mr. President, I know that every member of the minority wishes to join in the expressions of sorrow at the passing of this friend. So, speaking what I am sure are the sentiments of all Senators, I wish to say on behalf not only of the minority members present but those who are absent that we, too, want to express to his family and his friends, to the people of the great State of Kentucky, and to all who knew him, our sympathy and deep regret at the tragic and untimely death of Senator CHAPMAN. His memory will live in our hearts, and the recollection of the fellowship we had with him cannot fail to inspire a more friendly attitude on the part of all of us in considering the great problems which the Congress and the Nation face.

Mr. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. President, it was a very sad moment for the junior Senator from Texas when he learned of the tragic accident which occurred early this morning. I join with the junior Senator from Georgia [Mr. Russell] in the touching and eloquent comments he made regarding the service of the senior Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. President, this body has lost an able, diligent, loyal, and conscientious Member. Senator CHAPMAN served as the ranking member of a subcommittee of which I was chairman. He came to its meetings early and stayed late. He always spoke with conviction. He always voted with courage. He served his State and his Nation with great capacity.

Only a few weeks ago I was honored to be a guest at a little party given in the home of the Speaker of the House,

where the Chief Justice, the Speaker, the junior Senator from Georgia, and other intimate friends of VIRGIL CHAPMAN gathered and presented him with a little token of their esteem and affection. On that occasion I well remember the words of the great Speaker of the House of Representatives who said that VIRGIL CHAPMAN had sat with him in a committee in the House for some 16 years, had served in that body with him some 24 years, and, as he had observed him, he knew that VIRGIL CHAPMAN was "one of the truly great legislators of our time."

Mr. President, Kentucky has lost a noble public servant. Texas has lost a devoted friend. The Armed Services Committee has lost a real patriot and the junior Senator from Texas has lost one of the most lovable and devoted friends he has ever known.

I join with my colleagues in extending sympathy to Senator CHAPMAN'S loved ones.

Mr. CAIN. Mr. President, my mother and my grandparents on her side were Kentuckians. VIRGIL CHAPMAN knew them well. He often used to relate the closeness of his association with them in years gone by. For the reason that VIRGIL CHAPMAN knew members of my family I was immediately, on coming to the Senate in 1946, attracted to him. He graciously and fully returned my friendship. At a later date I began to understand and know VIRGIL CHAPMAN as a man. It is so completely proper and true to say that among those I have known in the past I have never known a man who loved his country more, a man to whom the soil of America and her flag meant more. America has lost a truly great citizen. The Chapman family has lost a beloved member. Would that America had more men of the character of VIRGIL CHAPMAN who has so recently left this universe of uncertainty and hope.

Mr. CHAVEZ. Mr. President, I desire to associate myself with the other Members of the Senate who have paid deserved tribute to the memory of Senator CHAPMAN. I have known

him since 1928. At that time he was a Member of the House from the State of Kentucky. That fall he lost in the election, but he was returned to the House in the election of 1930 to the Seventy-second Congress. In 1931 the late Senator Overton, Senator CHAPMAN, and I were sworn in as Members of the House of Representatives side by side. Ever since I first met him we have been close friends.

After he came to the Senate he was assigned to the committee I now head, the Committee on Public Works. He was one of the most diligent members of that committee. He was a hard worker, a true, brave, patriotic American. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Public Roads of the Committee on Public Works, and as such rendered distinguished service in the interest of the country. I shall miss him greatly.

Mr. ROBERTSON. Mr. President, I have lost one of the dearest friends I have had during my entire service in the Congress. For 14 years I served in the House of Representatives with VIRGIL CHAPMAN, and I served with him during his brief tenure in this body. In the House we worked together on legislation for farmers, especially for tobacco farmers. We worked together for some months when he had charge of a bill to revise the pure food laws. He never refused to make a speech for me in my district when we were serving in the House, although he was in great demand, Mr. President, because he was a natural orator, improved by assiduous effort.

I remember one occasion when I took him to address a group of farmers in the little county of Rappahannock, Va. He liked people. He liked to talk to farmers. He would rather talk to a farm group than any other kind of group. That was a good many years ago. I often think of some verses he quoted that night. He spoke absolutely from memory. He seldom ever used notes, and never used a manuscript. He quoted some lines when he was talking about the

efforts we had made in World War I, when we were all united and were all working together for a common purpose. He said:

Here's to the boys from the windswept North
When they meet on the fields of France.
May the spirit of Grant be with them all
As the boys of the North advance.
Here's to the boys from the sunny South
When they meet on the fields of France.
May the spirit of Lee be with them all
As the sons of the South advance.
Here's to the Blue and the Gray as one
When they meet on the fields of France.
May the spirit of God be with them all
As the sons of the flag advance.

No man I have ever known was a deeper student of the history of our colonial ancestors, who were so responsible for the birth of the Nation. No one worshiped more at the shrine of Lee and Jackson than did VIRGIL CHAPMAN. I know of no one in Virginia, Mr. President, who was more familiar with the unfortunate struggle between the North and the South between '61 and '65.

On February 12, I went with VIRGIL CHAPMAN to make a speech at the historic city of Winchester, Va., on the anniversary of the birth of Charles "Broadway" Rouss, a Confederate veteran who went to New York after the war, made a great fortune in merchandising and endowed in a rich way his home city of Winchester, helping its schools and leaving a fund for the volunteer fire company there, which is named for him, the Charley Rouss Volunteer Fire Company. Once a year that voluntary fire company has a banquet. Governors, Senators, distinguished men have spoken there. I have attended each one of those banquets, except one, during the past 18 years, and I have heard some great speeches made there; but the greatest speech I have heard in all that 18-year period was the speech VIRGIL CHAPMAN made there on February 12, last. In it he used the wonderful tribute to the

flag that some of my colleagues have heard him use on other occasions, including the time when he made our Jefferson-Jackson Day speech in Richmond last year.

Mr. President, it is hard for me to realize that a man so young, a man who loved life as he did, a man who was so useful to his State and to his Nation, is gone. I feel that his presence is here today, because it was shortly after the Senate voted yesterday afternoon on the amendment I offered to fix a ceiling on the number of troops that VIRGIL CHAPMAN came over to my desk, put his arm around my shoulders, and thanked me for standing with him and the committee against the limitation of 3,500,000 men.

Mr. President, words fail me to express the degree in which I was shocked when I learned this morning, about 9 o'clock, first that VIRGIL CHAPMAN was in a very serious condition at the hospital, and later when I learned that he had been taken to his final reward.

I shall miss him, Mr. President. The Senate will miss him. My friends in Princess Anne County will miss him on the 29th of April, when he was going there to make the address on the anniversary of the landing of Capt. John Smith and the first little colony of English settlers, on April 26, 1607. I was looking forward with great pleasure to that trip with VIRGIL. Two years ago I had the great honor, as well as the great pleasure, of having our distinguished Vice President go with me there, and he made a great speech on that occasion.

Mr. President, there is a close affinity between Virginia and Kentucky. Of course, many Virginians migrated to Kentucky, which was a part of our Northwest Territory. There has been a close affinity, especially between those of us who live in the blue-grass area of the Valley of Virginia and those who live, as VIRGIL did, in the blue-grass area of Kentucky.

I cannot begin to tell the Senate how close my association has been for the past 18 years with this wonderful man. As

I say, I have no adequate words with which to express my great loss, Kentucky's great loss, and the Nation's great loss in his untimely death.

Mr. CONNALLY. Mr. President, I join in the tributes which have been paid to Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN, of Kentucky.

I was a Member of the House of Representatives when VIRGIL CHAPMAN first came to that body, many years ago. I knew him intimately and was associated with him in very cordial relationships. Added to his ability, his capacity, and his learning, he had an outstanding trait of courage. He had both political courage and other kinds of courage. When he arrived at a conclusion as to a public measure, he voted his convictions, regardless of whether they were popular or unpopular. I have seen that trait of his demonstrated on a number of occasions.

He had a most pleasing personality. He had a warm friendship with those with whom he was associated.

I shall not belabor the Record by extravagant praise; but I wish to say that the Congress and the Senate of the United States have lost an able, a patriotic, and a skillful Member of the Senate. He was a hard worker on the committees to which he was assigned. I have recently been associated with him in a committee to which he gave his best labors, his talents, and his unending industry.

I know that the State of Kentucky has sustained a great loss.

I have talked with him many times about the history of Kentucky. He had a thorough understanding and knowledge of the historic characters of that great old State. He was well versed not only in the history of Kentucky, but also in the history of the United States, particularly.

I am grieved, personally grieved most deeply, to receive the intelligence of his tragic passing this morning.

The committee of which he was acting as a member was in session this morning; and when the news came that he was

seriously injured, widespread sentiments of grief and sorrow were expressed by all the members of the committee; and later those sentiments were expressed in even more heartfelt terms when the final news came of his untimely death.

Mr. President, I lay a wreath upon his tomb. I give to his memory my admiration, my esteem, and my unstinted praise of the splendid and outstanding record of VIRGIL CHAPMAN as a man, as a citizen, and as a great public servant. I associate myself with the sentiments which have been expressed by other Senators in tribute to him.

Mr. CAPEHART. Mr. President, anyone who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN would, of course, agree with everything which has been said here today. I was very fond of him, because he was, as I learned through many associations with him, a good man, a typical American, and a true friend. The unfortunate part about this world is that there are too few VIRGIL CHAPMANS.

Mr. STENNIS. Mr. President, we have all been impressed greatly with what has been said by Senators who were associated over a number of years with our late friend. I was one of those who knew him only in the last 2 years. We had identical committee assignments. For the past 60 days we had been attending hearings on the manpower bill and the so-called Wherry resolution.

I told Senator CHAPMAN quite recently that if anyone wanted to get his vote on any measure all it was necessary to do was to connect it in some way, even remotely, with a matter which appealed to his patriotism, and he could not resist the temptation to cast his vote for it. I think that was one of the great keys to his heart. I was impressed with his loyalty and his tributes to loyalty. A year ago I heard him make an impromptu speech at Roswell, N. Mex., in which he paid the most stirring tribute to the flag which I have ever heard in my life. That impromptu speech was the finest

expression of American ideals I have ever heard anywhere, or have ever read.

I agree most wholeheartedly with the sentiments expressed by the Senators who have preceded me. We need more VIRGIL CHAPMANS. He was not the type who would merely back someone up in a proposition in which he was interested; he would be out in front. When he was with you, he was out in front, preparing the way, clearing the underbrush, running interference.

Quite recently I saw in an Arizona magazine a quotation from the will or the last words of a cowboy, in which he said:

> Never think of me as dead. Think of me as having gone on an eternal prospecting trip.

That is the way we can think of our friend, as having gone on an eternal prospecting trip, where I have an abiding faith he will manifest the same great principles of loyalty and devotion to the right cause which characterized him here.

Mr. FREAR. Mr. President, the news of Senator CHAPMAN'S death has come to me, as to all other Senators, with profound shock.

The people of Delaware had the privilege of having Senator CHAPMAN visit their State only last year to address the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner. In that one brief visit, Senator CHAPMAN endeared himself to many of Delaware's citizens, and it had been our hope that he would be able to return again in the near future.

It is not necessary for me to describe what his loss will mean to the Senate, for certainly all of us realize it. In my own name, and in that of my associates in Delaware, who knew Senator CHAPMAN, I extend deepest sympathy to his family, to the members of his staff, and to the people of Kentucky, who have lost an able and gracious public servant.

Mr. KERR. Mr. President, like the distinguished Senator from Mississippi, I did not know VIRGIL CHAPMAN until I came to the Senate, a little over 2 years ago. I soon became

acquainted with him and I learned to love him because of all the men I have known none had a greater capacity for genuine affection.

I share the sentiments of those who have paid tribute to his loyalty, his courage, and his patriotism. I likewise pay tribute, not only to those qualities, but also to his great understanding, his deep affection, and his unbounded capacity for friendship and love. I know that his memory will live long in the minds of his colleagues, and that we who cherish it when we walk in his footsteps will honor ourselves even more than we try to honor him.

Mr. KEFAUVER. Mr. President, as the junior Senator from Tennessee, a neighboring State of Kentucky, I cannot let this opportunity pass without saying a word in tribute to the life, character, and accomplishments of VIRGIL CHAPMAN. I had the pleasure of serving with him almost 10 years in the House of Representatives and also 2 years in the United States Senate.

I am sure we all agree that he was a great historian, a loyal and very capable legislator, and a devoted friend. But with all his other accomplishments, I think we should particularly take note that in the fields in which he was interested he was an unusually good technical legislator. In matters pertaining to farming and the problems of farmers, and those pertaining to the problems of tobacco, we all relied on his judgment. In the work of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee of the House, and in the Armed Services Committee of the United States Senate, we all respected his judgment and wisdom and the thoroughness with which he studied legislative proposals.

We shall all miss him as a friend, and the Nation will suffer a great loss in the passing of one of its finest legislators.

Mr. NEELY. Mr. President—

> Whether at Naishapur or Babylon,
> Whether the cup with sweet or bitter run,
> The wine of life keeps oozing drop by drop,
> The leaves of life keep falling one by one.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN

Another precious leaf has just fallen from the Senate's thumbworn book of life. Death, the insatiate, resistless, ruthless reaper, with icy hand that never tires and sickle keen that never turns it edge, has just severed from earth and earthly things our distinguished late colleague, willing fellow worker, and loved and loving friend, the Honorable VIRGIL CHAPMAN, of Kentucky.

He was an illustrious statesman, a peerless orator, and a great patriot who knew no dictator but his conscience, no guide but his judgment, and no purpose but to serve his country, love humanity, and bless mankind. While on the mountaintop of success, in the very heyday of manhood, while all the tides of life and joy and hope were flowing full and fair, from an environment of prosperity, comfort, love, and peace he was abruptly summoned to take his journey to that mysterious country from which no one ever returns. With antique courage and Christian hope he went from the restless land of the living into the silent land of the dead.

His passing is a great loss to his Nation, a great misfortune to his State, and a great calamity to his family and his friends.

Only 20 hours ago he mingled with us on the Senate floor. It seems but a few brief moments since his merry peals of laughter filled the air and the melody of his voice and the eloquence of his words thrilled our hearts with music more rapturous than the sirens ever sang. But now we call his name in vain. From his pallid lips an answer never more will come. In the hush that pervades the sanctuary of our dead we realize that this beloved and faithful friend has sailed that sad and solemn sea which separates the narrow shore of time from the boundless kingdom of eternity. This dear colleague has passed the limits of earthly vision. His shadowy form cannot be seen through the telescopes of science, the illusions of love, or the tears of grief.

In this solemn hour we are haunted by the demon of skepticism and despair, and we ask anew the world-old ques-

tion propounded by the patient, afflicted patriarch of Uz, "If a man die, shall he live again?" But unlike the suffering Job, we seek no refuge either in silence or submission. We simply turn from this perplexing question of the Old Testament to find it answered in the New by Him who said:

> Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Thanks to the hallowed hope that springs eternal in the Christian breast, we believe that the separation from our beloved is but for a night and that joy cometh in the morning. A divinity within whispers with still small voice in the listening ear of love, "The grave is not the end of all."

While our hearts are filled with grief and our eyes are dimmed with tears, thoughts of the last bitter hour come like a blight over our spirits. But even now when earthly help and sympathy seem vain, we look beyond the cloud that hangs above us like a pall and there, through faith, we see the star of hope still shining on. In the lustrous light of that constant star, we read the assuring promise of the Saviour of the world:

> I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.

In this promise we put our trust. While dogmas perish and creeds crumble, while agnosticism decays and atheism dies, we shall continue to lean upon the everlasting arm, believing that the twilight here is but the dawn of a grander day upon some other shore; believing that the feeble flame that flickers here for a little while will at last leap into a bright and shining light when the spirit of man has winged its flight back to Him that gave it birth.

No one knows, nor would it be well to know, what takes place between the great Creator and His insignificant creature in the last sad moment of life on earth. But we do know beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the dying thief, while suffering on the cross, received absolution from his

sins and was promised a triumphant entrance into paradise with the Saviour of the world.

It is our fervent hope and devout prayer that the same unfailing mercy, the same loving kindness, and the same boundless charity that gave to the malefactor a heritage in that house not made with hands were this day extended from the ineffable throne of God to our beloved friend, VIRGIL CHAPMAN, and that he is now walking the streets of paradise that are paved with stars.

Let us, in imagination, tenderly lay the flowers of love and sorrow upon the bier of our departed. Let us, with bowed heads, loving hearts, and generous hands, adorn his silent couch with the imperishable amaranth, the fadeless emblem of immortality. Let us place upon his somber casket an ample wreath of ivy, the floral metaphor of devoted friendship, the evergreen token of brotherly love, and thus, so far as in our power lies, discharge our duty to our dead.

From this sad ceremony we should learn anew a lesson that is as old as sacred history. The lesson is this: "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart." A sanctuary of sorrow is a crucible in which to purify the soul. May this service not have been held in vain. May the fate of our departed be a constant reminder to us of the serious meaning of that irrevocable decree: "Man is born to die."

While we are busily engaged in weaving our names into the tapestry of private fortune and public fame, and while we are eagerly endeavoring to lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, let us also prepare for the inevitable hour in which every man must surrender his own soul. May we not be unmindful of the fact that death comes nearer and nearer to everyone with every fleeting breath; that it comes indifferently "as a thief in the dead of night or as a royal guest at the blaze of noon."

Let us bear this well in mind, not that our days may be consumed with impotent grief or our lives shrouded with dispiriting gloom, but rather that we may be up and doing while opportunity's sun still shines, for the night cometh when no man can work.

With an abiding faith that everything in this whole vast universe was designed by an unerring Architect for some ultimate good; with an abiding faith that all who seriously strive shall eventually wear perfection's starry crown, let us go forth, with hope in our hearts and courage in our breasts, to fight the good fight, to finish our course and unqualifiedly keep the faith.

> And when the Angel of Shadow
> Rests his feet on wave and shore,
> And our eyes grow dim with watching,
> And our hearts faint at the oar—

God grant that we may hear—

> The signal of our release,
> In the bells of the Holy City,
> The chimes of eternal peace!

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, it is with some presumption that I rise to express the feelings of the new Members of the Senate, who, by the tragic accident which occurred early this morning, have been deprived of the opportunity of knowing the man who has been eulogized by so many of his colleagues, and have been deprived of the privilege of following his example and his leadership.

We who come new into this group must look to men like Senator CHAPMAN not only for guidance and counsel, but for example and for inspiration. Those who have known him well so long find it possible to measure the sense of their loss. To us who are new the loss is immeasurable, because we cannot foresee the privilege which would have been ours if we could have served longer with him in the Senate.

Speaking for myself and the others who have been Members of the Senate for only a few months, including the

junior Senator from his own State of Kentucky, I wish I were able to put into words our sense of loss, to extend our sympathy to his family, and to express our realization that this kind of an experience leaves neither his family nor us without the hope that his passing is in fact but the opening of another door to greater service for him in another field of activity.

Mr. McKELLAR. Mr. President, no one could have known VIRGIL CHAPMAN without becoming a better man. He was one of the finest characters I ever knew. His unfailing good humor, his kindliness, his friendliness, his courage to do the right as he saw it, his marvelous speaking talent, his loyalty in his friendships, his outstanding honesty and integrity made him a delight to all of us who were fortunate enough to know him.

I join all of my colleagues in this Chamber in the statements that have been made about him. He was one of the dearest friends that I had in the Senate. His loyalty knew no bounds; his consideration for others knew no limit. The State of Kentucky and the Nation have lost a great statesman, and the Senate has lost one of its most highly esteemed, most respected, and most beloved Members. I was shocked and grieved beyond expression when I heard this morning of the terrible calamity that had come to him, and which resulted in his untimely death. I extend to his wife and family my deepest and sincerest sympathy in their great loss.

Mr. JOHNSTON of South Carolina. Mr. President, the sudden death of VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN has brought sorrow to all of the Members of the Senate. I feel a keen personal loss in his passing, as he has been a real friend of mine. He was big-hearted, kindly, good-natured, never critical of anyone, and was a gentleman of the old school in every sense of the word.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN was a loyal and devoted friend. He was dependable. He was fair and courteous, but, more than that,

he was kindly and helpful. He walked humbly before his fellow man, always willing to be of help to those he thought he could help. He was a man who had a very keen sense of justice and fairness. He loved his friends.

Now that he is gone our appraisal could probably be better expressed in these words. A prince once said of a king struck down: "Taller he seemed in death." And the words hold good, for now as then, it is after death that we measure men.

I know we will all miss him and I join with his host of friends in expressing deep sympathy to his family. He has left with his colleagues an abiding affection for him.

The VICE PRESIDENT. If it is agreeable to the Senate, the Chair would ask its indulgence for a moment, especially in view of the enforced absence of the Senator from Kentucky [Mr. Clements], who is ill, but who, I am glad to say, I have learned will be released from the hospital today. If he were present he would wish to express the feelings of the people of Kentucky over the tragic loss of Senator CHAPMAN.

I have known VIRGIL CHAPMAN for more than a quarter of a century. I knew him before he came to the House of Representatives. I knew his father, and was intimate with him. His father almost all his life was identified with the educational institutions of the State of Kentucky, and was an outstanding man in that field.

Back in the days when efforts were being made to organize the tobacco growers of Kentucky into a cooperative organization in order to obtain better marketing conditions, VIRGIL CHAPMAN was an outstanding advocate of such an agricultural association. He and I campaigned together over the State of Kentucky among the farmers, urging them to join an association which would enable them to protect themselves against conditions over which they otherwise would have no control.

Senator CHAPMAN came to the Congress some 25 years ago. I knew him and cooperated with him, when I was a Member

of the Senate and he was a Member of the House, in the framing and enactment of legislation, particularly legislation affecting agriculture. He was not only firm in his advocacy of legislation of that sort, but he was well informed about agricultural conditions in the State of Kentucky and throughout the Nation. He was a good legislator. He was an alert, active, and vigilant legislator. Not only that, but he had personal integrity. No one could doubt his position on any question. His intellectual processes were logical and he possessed a quality of intellectual integrity which was recognized by the congressional district he represented for nearly a quarter of a century, and later by the State of Kentucky.

As has been said, he was a great student of history and he was a great orator. There was no pretense about him. It is said that when Oliver Cromwell, who had a wart on his forehead, was having his portrait painted the painter was about to leave the wart off because it was unsightly. Cromwell said to him, "Paint me as I am or not at all." VIRGIL CHAPMAN never wanted to be painted otherwise than as he was. Not only was there no pretense about him in the advocacy of his views, but he did not wish his friends to indulge in any pretense as to his position or views on any subject which engaged his attention.

Of course, it was a great shock to me to learn, about 11 o'clock this morning, when I reached my office, of his tragic death. Only yesterday I sat beside him here in the Chamber. We discussed many matters, not only the pending legislation but many matters affecting our State of Kentucky. I enjoyed his friendship and the feeling was mutual. I respected his character. I respected the service which he rendered. I shall miss him as a friend, miss him as a legislator, and miss him as a Kentuckian. He had a rich inheritance of all the things that go to make a useful public servant.

I wish on behalf of my State and myself to express my deep sorrow and to express to his family and friends my profound sympathy at his passing.

The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The VICE PRESIDENT subsequently, under the second resolving clause, appointed the following Senators to constitute, together with the Vice President, the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator:

Mr. McFarland, Mr. Russell, Mr. Chavez, Mr. Capehart, Mr. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Clements, Mr. Saltonstall, Mr. Bridges, Mr. Cain, and Mr. Stennis.

(On request of Mr. McFarland, and by unanimous consent, the following remarks by Mr. Clements and the matters printed in connection therewith, appearing on pages 2379–2382 of the daily Record of Tuesday, March 13, were ordered to be transposed and printed at this point in the permanent Record of Thursday, March 8):

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, first I wish to thank the distinguished majority leader for his kindness and consideration in asking unanimous consent that I may address the Senate at this time.

Mr. President, having been hospitalized since February 26, in my absence on that fateful Black Thursday of March 8 it became the sorrowful mission of the majority leader to announce officially to the Senate the disastrous news of the tragic and untimely death of my beloved friend and colleague the senior Senator from Kentucky, VIRGIL CHAPMAN. Likewise, in my absence, it became the heartbreaking task of the Vice President of the United States to express on his own and my behalf the sorrow and regret of the people of Kentucky over the tragic loss of Senator CHAPMAN to the State he loved so much and served so well.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN

Even though little now can be added to the spontaneous outpouring of heartfelt and richly merited tribute paid to VIRGIL CHAPMAN during the hours immediately following his untimely death, at this, my first opportunity, I want to join with his colleagues, in both Houses of Congress, in expressing my profound sorrow and deep sense of personal loss over the death of my friend, companion, and colleague.

My friendship with VIRGIL CHAPMAN dated back to the years when we were classmates at the University of Kentucky and, in unison with thousands of others who knew him and recognized his sterling qualities, with the passing of the years our friendship grew warmer, our relationship became closer, and the bond of our companionship waxed stronger.

Innately VIRGIL CHAPMAN was a gentleman—gracious, considerate, friendly, and helpful. The records of the past quarter century of the Congress of the United States attest that he was a scholar, a profound and learned student of history, a sound and able legislator, an eloquent and convincing speaker, with exceptional vision and rare qualities of leadership. He was endowed with a great, generous, sympathetic heart, a broad, keenly alert, intelligent mind that saw only the good in his fellowman, and an eloquent silvery tongue that spoke only honestly, kindly, and constructively. Because in his boundless good nature there was no meanness, no smallness, no envy, no prejudice, no resentment, no malice of any sort, always he was cheerful, engaging, a delight and an inspiration to his legion of friends, especially to those of us who were privileged to enjoy the close association of his companionship. Properly and correctly it has been said that loyalty was the hallmark of VIRGIL CHAPMAN; and so it was because he kept the faith; his word was his bond and he was the soul of honor and the essence of dependability. It was for these reasons that from his youth his circle of friends steadily widened. Of his own volition he never lost a friend and those who knew him best loved him most.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN, the only son of James Virgil and Lily (Munday) Chapman, was born at Middleton, Simpson County, Ky., on March 15, 1895.

In life, as in death, he seemed somehow to be ahead of his time. Since 1915—beginning at the age of 20 and before he had a vote—he was a delegate to all Democratic State conventions. He studied law, and in 1917 was admitted to the bar. The same year he became editor in chief of the Kentucky Law Journal, serving for 2 years in that capacity, and graduating from the Law School of the University of Kentucky in 1918. He engaged in the practice of law and at the same time zealously launched himself into organizing the tobacco growers of Kentucky and adjacent States into a cooperative marketing association, which magnificently successful effort formulated the basis of his great and constructive legislative record in behalf of his State in the National Congress.

In 1924 he was elected to the Sixty-ninth Congress, serving 10 terms as the Representative of the now Sixth Kentucky District. During that period he formulated and led the long, hard fight to have enacted the structure of laws that have brought stability and prosperity to the tobacco farmers of Kentucky, to those of all other tobacco-growing States. The genius, the perseverance and persistence, the confidence, and patience of VIRGIL CHAPMAN finally were translated into the economic salvation of the tobacco farmer and the tobacco industry as a whole. That was the paramount contribution of VIRGIL CHAPMAN to Kentucky, but, even so, it was only one of the many legislative contributions he made to the benefit of the people of the Commonwealth he so ably and devotedly served. So when in 1948 he was elected to the United States Senate from Kentucky he was solidly standing on his record of achievements and primarily as the recognized leader and undisputed champion of the tobacco farmer and the tobacco industry.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN

The death of Senator CHAPMAN has left not only a great void in the lives of his personal friends, but a marked breach in the official life and well-being of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and, indeed, of the entire Nation. I served in the House with VIRGIL and joyously anticipated continued service with him here in the Senate. As the senior Members of both House and Senate know, when VIRGIL CHAPMAN went into action, either in committee or on the floor, he had the complete and respectful attention of his colleagues; no Member of the Congress, by sheer weight of logic, clarity, and consistency, wielded greater influence than did VIRGIL CHAPMAN.

He came young to serve in the National Legislature, and all too soon he has left the scene of his labors, but his splendid service of nearly a quarter of a century in the Congress of the United States stands as a perpetual monument to this great Kentuckian and to his memory. Of VIRGIL CHAPMAN, proudly but sadly, it can be said that—

> He held his place—
> Held the long purpose like a growing tree—
> Held on through blame and faltered not at praise;
> And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
> As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
> Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
> And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

And so this past Sunday, with tear-dimmed eyes and heavy hearts, his bereaved family, with a great throng of his friends from every section of Kentucky, and a delegation of his congressional colleagues, headed by his long-time friend, the Vice President of the United States, and the Governor of the Commonwealth, Lawrence W. Wetherby, reverently, gently, and lovingly laid him away under the bluegrass of his native Kentucky—"couched triumphant, calm, and brave, in the ever-holy grave"—to sleep that long, last earthy slumber from which there is no awakening here. But even before we said our last farewell to him, VIRGIL CHAPMAN had awak-

ened in the dawn of a better world where his great and valiant soul goes marching on with the elect of God for all time and eternity.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to include in the Record at this point, as a part of my remarks, the funeral oration delivered last Saturday, in Washington, by the Chaplain of the Senate, Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, and the prayers recited last Sunday, at Paris, Ky., by the Reverend Rhodes Thompson, pastor of the First Christian Church.

Also Gov. Lawrence W. Wetherby's statement, and editorials from the Courier-Journal, the Louisville Times, the Lexington Herald, the Owensboro Messenger, the Henderson Morning Gleaner, and the Madisonville Messenger.

There being no objection, the matters referred to were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

FUNERAL ORATION BY DR. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS, CHAPLAIN OF THE SENATE

In the session of the Senate on Thursday, following the announcement of the death of the senior Senator from Kentucky, I was deeply impressed as for an hour I was privileged to listen to the heartfelt eulogies brought by a score of his fellow Members, including the Vice President. Without indicating who uttered the words, I have thought it might be appropriate for this hour to link together sentences from these tributes in a sort of mosaic depicting the life, character, and service of the late Senator as his colleagues saw him. Here is the picture as they drew it. His senatorial colleagues now speak:

"The sudden and tragic death of Senator CHAPMAN is a profound and personal blow to me. I knew him well. I considered him one of my closest friends. To the multitude of encomiums which will be said of him, one fact will stand out: He was a loyal man, a true friend, a man on whom one could count in all cases and under all conditions and vicissitudes. One had to know VIRGIL CHAPMAN to appreciate what he really was and to appraise his true character. A more honest, conscientious, hard-working man, a more loyal and selfless soldier I have never known. Loyalty was the hallmark of VIRGIL CHAPMAN, loyalty to his Nation, to his State, to his friends. In his political life he possessed a courage and forthrightness which is rare in these days. He was never afraid to speak his convictions.

In politics the Constitution as our forefathers wrote it was his shrine. He was a great student of history and he knew how to apply his knowledge in the legislative field. He was a courteous gentleman of the old school, a gentleman in the highest and finest sense of the word. I have never heard him say an unkind word about any human being. He was utterly incapable of any petty thought or action. He was slow to speak, but when he spoke he spoke with great eloquence and clarity. He knew intimately the historical facts about our great country. He combined in his nature those rare characteristics which are found in so few persons—sincerity, friendliness, loyalty, integrity, courage, and vision, which we like to see in those in public life.

"He seemed to be able to inject a bit of infectious and pleasant humor into the consideration of subjects even of a serious nature. The recollection of the fellowship we had with him cannot fail to inspire a more friendly attitude on the part of all of us in considering the great problems which face the Congress and the Nation.

"It is completely proper and true to say that among those I have known in the past I have never known a man who loved his country more, a man to whom the soil of America and her flag meant more.

"I remember one occasion when I took him to address a group of farmers in Virginia. He spoke absolutely from memory. He seldom ever used notes. He quoted some lines when he was talking about the efforts we had made in World War I. He said:

" 'Here's to the Blue and the Gray as one,
When they meet on the fields of France;
May the spirit of God be with them all
As the sons of the Flag advance.'

"No man worshiped more at the shrine of Lee and Jackson than did VIRGIL CHAPMAN. The greatest speech I ever heard at a certain annual banquet I have attended for 18 years was the speech of VIRGIL CHAPMAN made there on February the twelfth last. He used the wonderful tribute to the flag that some of my colleagues have heard him use on other occasions.

"When he arrived at a conclusion as to a public measure, he voted his convictions regardless of whether they were popular or unpopular. I give to his memory my admiration, my esteem, and my unstinted praise for the splendid and outstanding record of VIRGIL CHAPMAN, as a man, as a citizen, and as a great public servant. The unfortunate part about this world is that there are too few VIRGIL CHAPMANS.

"He was an experienced statesman, a peerless orator, and a great patriot who knew no dictator but his conscience, no guide

but his judgment, and no purpose but to service his country. No one could have known VIRGIL CHAPMAN without becoming a better man. He was one of the finest characters I ever knew. His unfailing good humor, his kindliness, his friendliness, his courage to do the right as he saw it, his marvelous speaking talent, his loyalty to his friendships, his outstanding honesty and integrity, made him a delight to all of us who were fortunate enough to know him. He was dependable, he was fair, he was courteous, he was kindly and helpful.

"A prince once said of a king, struck down, 'Taller he seemed in death'; and the words hold good for now as then. It is after death that we measure men. He possessed a quality of intellectual integrity which was recognized by the congressional district he represented for nearly a quarter of a century and, later, by the State of Kentucky. There was no pretense about him. It was said that when Oliver Cromwell, who had a wart on his forehead, was having his portrait painted the painter was about to leave the wart off because it was unsightly. Cromwell said to him: 'Paint me as I am or not at all.' VIRGIL CHAPMAN never wanted to be painted otherwise than he was.

"While our hearts are filled with grief and and our eyes are dimmed with tears, thoughts of the last bitter hour come like a blight over our spirits. But we look beyond the cloud that hangs above us like a pall, and there through faith we see the Star of Hope still shining on. In the lustrous light of that constant star we read the assuring promise of the Saviour of the world: 'I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me shall never die.' And so we believe that the feeble flame that flickers here for a little while will at last leap into a bright and shining light, when the spirit of man has winged its flight back to Him that gave it birth. God grant that we may hear the signal of our release in the bells of the holy city, the chimes of eternal peace."

In these times of tension and testing, when in global social convulsions, Thou art sifting out the souls of men before Thy judgment seat, we thank Thee for public servants, sun-crowned, who live above the fog. Men with great hearts, true faith, and ready hands. Men whom the lust of office does not kill. Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy. Men who possess opinions and a will. Men who have honor. Men who will not lie. For such he was, whose work is so suddenly ended and who, passing, leaves a lonesome place against the sky of his State and his Nation's life.

For the high caliber of the public service he rendered, for the unsullied integrity of his life, for his sterling qualities of character, for his patriotism pure and undefiled, for the jovial disposition

which endeared him to all associated with him as he lived in his house by the side of the road and was a friend to man, we thank Thee, Master of all good workmen. May the benedictions of Thy sustaining grace rest upon his dear ones sorely bereaved. Realizing that in the midst of life we are in death, may we each face our tasks with the deep solemnity of those who know not what a day may bring forth. And at last bring us all to the homeland of Thy eternal love.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR VIRGIL CHAPMAN, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PARIS, KY., 3 P. M., MARCH 11, 1951—SERVICES BY REV. RHODES THOMPSON, PASTOR, FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, PARIS, KY.

PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven, Thou whose work is infinite and whose will is our peace, be pleased to look down on us in our sorrow, and enable us to hear Thy holy word, that through prayer and the comfort of Thy Scriptures, we may have hope and grant us the consolation of Thy holy spirit that we may rise above the shadows of mortality, and have the joy of Thy blessings.

For Him who died and rose again, and even liveth with you, in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Scripture reading: St. John, fourteenth chapter; Psalms, Twenty-seventh, Forty-sixth, One Hundred and Twenty-first; Revelations, twenty-first chapter.)

The Gospel, according to St. John, chapter 14:

"Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

"And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know."

PRAYER

O Lord, our God—hear us as we seek to raise our thoughts from this changeful life to the great eternity in which Thou dwelleth, to know that Thou are the one who is sufficient to our needs. Our spirits are turned to Thee in humble trust. With Thy great mercy will Thou sustain and comfort every mourning heart, and fulfill the promise that Thou will not leave Thy people comfortless.

Grant us now, we beseech Thee, the comfort of Thy own assured promises. Give us strength to return to the tasks that are ours

with less trust in ourselves and more dependence in Thee. Help us to dedicate ourselves anew in the service of Thy will and in the faith and spirit of Thee. Help us to say when our hour has come, "Father, we have finished the work Thou hast given us to do." Give us faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ, who has brought to us the light of the gospel. In Him may we have confidence in all that is to come until the daybreak and all the shadows flee away. Hear us for Thy great mercy's sake. We pray to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GOV. LAWRENCE W. WETHERBY'S STATEMENT UPON LEARNING OF DEATH OF SENATOR CHAPMAN, MARCH 8, 1951

All Kentuckians mourn the great loss which we have suffered in the untimely death of Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN. Senator CHAPMAN has through the years been one of Kentucky's outstanding statesmen. During the critical emergency which the Nation is facing, Senator CHAPMAN has been a bulwark of strength as a ranking member of the Armed Forces Committee of the Senate. During his quarter of century of service in the House and Senate he has represented the best interest of Kentucky and the general welfare of her people.

VIRGIL'S life was rich in contributions to his fellow man. His outstanding record and devotion to the high principles of service for which he stood place him as one of Kentucky's greatest sons. His wise counsel and warm friendship will be missed both by the State and the Nation.

OFFICIAL DELEGATION

Vice President Alben Barkley; Senator Earle C. Clements, Kentucky; Senator Ernest W. McFarland, Arizona, majority leader of Senate; Senator Richard Russell, Georgia; Senator Dennis Chavez, New Mexico; Senator Lyndon Johnson, Texas; Senator John C. Stennis, Mississippi; Senator Harry Cain, State of Washington; Senator Homer Capehart, Indiana; Senator Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma; Congressman Noble Gregory; Congressman Frank Chelf; Congressman Carl Perkins; Congressman James Golden; Congressman Joe Bates; Congressman Brent Spence; Congressman John Whitaker; Congressman Thruston Morton; Congressman Tom Underwood; Joseph Callahan, Sergeant at Arms, House of Representatives; Emery L. Frazier, Chief Clerk, Senate; H. H. Morris, Office of Clerk of House of Representatives; John A. B. McElveney, Office of Sergeant at Arms, Senate; Robert Riggs; Robert Homes; Gov. Lawrence Wetherby.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN

[From the Louisville Courier-Journal of March 9, 1951]

Chapman's Loss an Untimely Sorrow

There is a particular poignancy in the death of Senator Virgil Chapman at this point in his career. He had begun to attract national attention as a leader of the middle-of-the-road Democrats. He had served in the Senate only a little over 2 years. He was beginning to use more and more effectively the experience he had gained in 11 terms in the House of Representatives, where he had been a popular but not widely known figure. He died 1 week short of his fifty-sixth birthday, still in the prime of life.

His Bluegrass constituents in Kentucky's Sixth District had long valued him as a champion of the farmers' interests. Recently he had made an impression in new fields by his vigorous work on the important Armed Services and Public Works Committees of the Senate. Questioning Senator Taft only 10 days ago in committee hearings on the issue of troops for Europe, Chapman registered with the press and spectators by the astute logic of his inquiries.

A native of Simpson County, he was a Kentuckian to the core. He was an honor student at the university in Lexington. His antecedents and personal sentiments were southern, and he was active in such organizations as the Sons of the Confederacy and the Morgan's Men's Association. He had intimate knowledge of the problems of tobacco growing and was an organizer of cooperative marketing groups among the growers.

Chapman's sudden and tragic death creates a most unexpected crisis in Kentucky politics. Fortunes of prospective Democratic and Republican candidates for this year's governorship race will have to be recast in the light of this development. Governor Wetherby must find in short order a successor in the Senate for a man who was doing an increasingly useful job. If it is happier for men to die on the upsurge of their careers, Virgil Chapman was in that sense fortunate.

[From the Louisville Times of March 9, 1951]

Virgil M. Chapman, the Farmer's Friend

Virgil M. Chapman was a member of a family whose history in Kentucky goes back to the time when this State was a Virginia county. His father, J. Virgil Chapman, was a leader in Kentucky public education during the first quarter of this century.

The son took early to the law and politics, and was elected to the National House before he was 30 years old. His long record

in Congress was marked by his devotion to the interests of the Kentucky tobacco farmer in particular and the American farmer in general. This devotion never abated, but in recent years and months, as a long-time advocate of military preparedness, he had distinguished himself by his vigorous support of national defense measures, including universal military training.

Senator CHAPMAN was an orator of the old-fashioned school and a favorite on the Kentucky stump. The political precocity of his youth was succeeded, as the years wore on, by an exceptional political durability—amounting to what seemed to be permanency. Thus his untimely death was a shocking as well as saddening event of Kentucky politics.

[From the Lexington Herald of March 9, 1951]

SENATOR VIRGIL CHAPMAN

All who served with VIRGIL CHAPMAN in the 22 years he was a Member of the House of Representatives knew him well. This was easy to do because he had an immense capacity for friendship. He loved the companionship of other men. Often after his election to the United States Senate, he would come back to mingle with his former colleagues in the House of Representatives.

The Chamber of the House of Representatives was to him a symbol of the representative government which sustains the Republic today in an hour of grave crisis. The lore and traditions of this august body were to VIRGIL CHAPMAN a part of the structure of our freedom and, too, a part of his very life. A magnetic personality, a brilliant and scholarly mind, a master of oratory of the old school whose polished phrases thundered and flashed in every political campaign in which he engaged, combined to evoke the esteem and admiration of those who knew him best.

His intellectual integrity, his unblemished honesty in public service and his ability to chart a direct course on public matters combined to give him the qualities of real statesmanship. To think straight is the measure of greatness. This virtue VIRGIL CHAPMAN inherently possessed. He practiced it, and made it the keynote of every public utterance.

Reference has been made to his many friends in every walk of life. He often quoted the words in act 1, scene III, of Hamlet, when Polonius said:

"Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel,
But do not dull thy palm with entertainment
Of each new-hatch'd unfledged comrade. Beware
Of entrance to a quarrel; but being in
Bear't, that the opposed may beware of thee.
Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;
Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment."

Mr. CHAPMAN represented in Congress the old Ashland district, whose name rekindles the luster of Henry Clay. The names of its Representatives, Clay, Breckinridge, Beck, Blackburn, Trimble, Cantrill and others, read like an honor roll of American statesmanship.

In 1923 Joseph W. Morris, of New Castle, was named for a short term to succeed Mr. Cantrill. Mr. CHAPMAN was nominated in 1924 in the primary that followed. He served in the House until 1928 when he was renominated but was defeated in the Hoover landslide. This defeat showed him truly loyal to his party and fearlessly devout in his advocacy of religious tolerance and his declarations on that subject. There is little doubt that had he not been so outspoken in his support of Alfred E. Smith, his tenure of office would have remained continuous and unbroken.

He was reelected to the House in 1930 and each year thereafter until 1948, when he was elected to the United States Senate.

In the House of Representatives Mr. CHAPMAN served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He previously had served on the Public Works and Military Affairs Committees.

Mr. CHAPMAN was, truly, the best friend the tobacco farmers of Kentucky ever had. Numbers of his friends from the burley section of Kentucky had planned to come here Friday in regard to legislation and always followed his leadership. He was attorney for the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association before the Triple A was organized under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933. In 1938, when the Agricultural Adjustment Act was rewritten to conform to the decision of the Supreme Court, he was active in sponsoring, backing, and shaping such legislation. Several of the most vital amendments were supported and prepared or suggested by him in conference with his colleagues, to whom he always gave full credit. These were the amendments which changed the base period for computing the parity price on tobacco in 1940, the enactment of a law to provide for continuance of quotas in 1943, and such legislation as the Stocks and Standards Act in 1935, the Tobacco Inspection and Grading Act and provision

in 1942 and again in 1950 for ceiling prices on tobacco in relation to parity price and other factors.

Mr. CHAPMAN proudly declared himself to be a Jeffersonian Democrat. He looked to the Congress in which he served so long to preserve the general government in what Jefferson called "in its whole constitutional vigor." Never failing in his loyalty in support of the Democratic Party in national elections, yet as a Member of both Houses of Congress he exercised independence in the consideration of legislation.

He was a student of the life of Robert E. Lee and had one of the best private collections of pictures of General Lee. On the anniversary of the birthday of General Lee this year, he delivered an address on Robert E. Lee under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the First Baptist Church in Arlington, Va. Last year he delivered in Washington, at a breakfast under the auspices of the YMCA, an address on Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of his birth.

" 'Tis the wink of an eye; 'tis the draught of a breath
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death."

In an almost unbroken period of a quarter of a century of public life, the opportunity had come within the past few months and, indeed, the past few days, for Senator CHAPMAN to render to his country the most notable public service of a long and distinguished career.

He was a member of the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which has worked prodigiously during the entire session of the present Congress on the military manpower bill and other legislation. The duties that fall upon a man, when responsibility comes to him, are accumulative. Mr. CHAPMAN had been designated by the Public Works Committee and Armed Services Committee of the Senate to represent them on the Appropriations Committee. He was also a member of the Democratic Policy Committee which determines the course of legislation in the Senate.

In recent days Mr. CHAPMAN had spent long hours on the Committee on Armed Services and on the floor of the Senate. He had been in his office late Wednesday night preparing a statement in connection with the military mobilization bill now under consideration.

At the zenith of his long public career, at the height of his usefulness, in the midst of his labors, his tragic death has snatched him from the halls where he spent so many years. He will be sadly missed, and the sympathy of all goes to his devoted wife, daughter, and friends.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN

[From the Owensboro (Ky.) Messenger of March 9, 1951]

A Legislator of Great Ability Passes

Virgil Munday Chapman's death Thursday morning in the Bethesda Naval Hospital, Washington, D. C., from injuries sustained earlier that morning in an accident between his automobile and a trailer truck removed from Kentucky public life one of its most picturesque characters. His passing at 55 left no orator in official life to wear the mantle he inherited from former Senator A. O. Stanley when the latter left the Halls of Congress. Admitted to the bar at 22, he located at Irvine, and in a few years his golden tongue set his restless feet upon the path he trod directly into the House of Representatives at 29, to remain more than 20 years, until Kentucky Democrats promoted him to the United States Senate 2 years ago. Chapman gained State-wide prominence while speaking throughout central Kentucky to promote the organization of the burley tobacco pool and in western Kentucky when he came this way to stimulate interest in forming the Dark Tobacco Growers' Association in the 1920's.

Senator Chapman was not farm-reared, but as the son of J. Virgil Chapman, long identified with school work, he spent his boyhood and youth in close proximity to country life, and when the burley and dark tobacco farmers began seriously to consider self-protection through cooperative marketing the voice of the young lawyer was heard eloquently declaring the justice of their cause. He spoke as one well informed, and he was, and the store of information he gained by attention to details of cooperative marketing as a young man was increased by study and contacts through the years of his public service. For more than a quarter century Senator Chapman was the spokesman of Kentucky farmers, and tobacco growers in particular. His speeches were not dry, statistical talks, but from every platform he occupied the listeners were fascinated by the ornate style of his oratory. The copious flow of words that belonged peculiarly to Chapman held vast gatherings entranced.

As a legislator, Senator Chapman's greatest development began when he entered the Senate of the United States. His long tenure in the House of Representatives had given him a foundation on which to advance rapidly in the Senate to committee positions of great responsibility. Since the Korean episode began he had, as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, carried a responsible load. Military preparedness had long been a favorite theme of Senator Chapman, and death took him at a time when his ability was paying large dividends in public service to the people of the

country he loved. As a member of the Senate Public Works Committee, he had matured into a Titan in the most responsible legislative body in the world.

Senator CHAPMAN had the admiration of both House and Senate, and friends throughout the Capital were floored when the suddenness of his tragic death broke upon them. His colleagues conceded him to be one of the most brilliant men in the Senate, and that none possessed greater character and integrity, or was more devoted to country and State.

Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas typified the feeling of many strong men in the Senate when, upon announcement of Senator CHAPMAN'S death, he broke down and cried. He was in the hall at the hospital at the time.

Senator CHAPMAN was a favorite speaker when Kentucky and Confederate history were to be discussed, and visitors to his office marveled at the collection of pictures of Lee and Jackson and Davis, and other heroes of the Lost Cause that lined the walls, and a caller had but to indicate his interest and the Senator would put aside political matters to dilate in rapturous words upon the virtues of the bearded men who seemed to smile back their appreciation. CHAPMAN'S successor will not take his place when a Kentuckian is invited to speak. The pages of the Congressional Record have reflected many an oration by Senator CHAPMAN on subjects the average Congressman would discuss calmly. Not CHAPMAN. An occasion to speak was to him an opportunity to expatiate in shining sentences, always on the tip of his tongue to be used with the ease that was CHAPMAN'S above other Members of the Kentucky delegation.

[From the Henderson Morning Gleaner of March 9, 1951]

With stunning suddenness comes the news of the untimely death of Kentucky's senior Senator, VIRGIL CHAPMAN.

He is taken at a time when he was most needed. For that statement we have the word of our junior Senator, Earle Clements, who in conversation with our O. B. Springer the other day said that there was no more capable nor popular man in Washington than VIRGIL. "He knows his way around," said Earle, "and is in demand everywhere."

High tribute to Senator CHAPMAN was paid also by John L. Dorsey at Rotary Thursday. He quoted A. O. Stanley, who said that CHAPMAN was exceptionally well versed in the history and traditions of American Congress and was recognized in the Senate as one of its most able historians.

From a thousand sources, now that he is taken from the Nation's stage, will come confirmation of the tribute paid to VIRGIL by Earle, his friend and admirer, and by the Honorable A. O. Stanley.

[From the Madisonville Messenger of March 9, 1951]

AMERICA LOSES ABLE SENATOR

Not merely Kentucky—his native State—but the Nation as a whole is the poorer in its public service today because of the untimely death of Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN in a Washington traffic accident.

The Messenger recently listed the important posts which our Paris friend held in the National Capital, and the opinion was expressed that, including his great influence in the House of Representatives, VIRGIL CHAPMAN was a key figure in the Government of the United States. This was no exaggeration, based upon State pride, but rather an appraisal on its merits of the position which Mr. CHAPMAN had attained since that day in 1924 when he assumed the post of Representative in the lower House.

In yesterday's Messenger several Hopkins countians expressed their regret at the untimely passing of this useful man. Particularly in the fields of agriculture and in public health VIRGIL CHAPMAN pioneered, and the tobacco growers of Kentucky and elsewhere will be forever in his debt. As mentioned also yesterday, every parent and child in the Nation for generations to come will be indebted to him for the battle which he fought for adequate pure food and drug legislation.

The Messenger had the highest respect for Mr. CHAPMAN'S ability, and was proud to call him friend. Death, as has been said, hath ten thousand several doors for men to take their exits. Untimely and inappropriate it was that able, useful, and patriotic VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN should meet death, in a traffic accident, at a time when his State and his Nation alike badly needed his unselfish and tireless service.

Mr. MCFARLAND. Mr. President, I wish VIRGIL CHAPMAN could have been with us to hear the beautiful tributes which have been paid to him. I am told that he always wrote out his speeches in longhand. I could almost see him as he labored on his speech late into the night just before he departed for his home en route to which he met his death.

Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Senator, I move that the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 9, 1951, at 10 o'clock a. m.

FRIDAY, *March 9, 1951.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Snader, its assistant reading clerk, communicated to the Senate the resolutions of the House adopted as a tribute to the memory of Hon. VIRGIL CHAPMAN, late a Senator from the State of Kentucky.

THURSDAY, *March 29, 1951.*

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore laid before the Senate a letter from Mrs. Elizabeth Chapman Danforth, Paris, Ky., extending appreciation to the Senate for the floral wreath sent on the occasion of the funeral of her father, the late Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN, of Kentucky, which was ordered to lie on the table.

MONDAY, *April 9, 1951.*

The VICE PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a resolution adopted by Curry Breckenridge Unit, No. 8, American Legion Auxiliary, of Lexington, Ky., which was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed in the Record, as follows:

RESOLUTION RE THE LATE HONORABLE VIRGIL CHAPMAN

Whereas Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has deemed it best to remove from our midst the late Honorable VIRGIL CHAPMAN, United States Senator from the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and member of the Armed Forces Committee; and

Whereas because of his untiring efforts in so faithfully fulfilling his obligations as such and in whatever other capacities he was called upon to serve; and

Whereas because also of his devotion and loyalty to his native State and likewise to the United States and the excellent record attained thereby, covering his many years of service: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Curry Breckenridge Unit, No. 8, American Legion Auxiliary, of Lexington, Ky., in this, the first meeting held since the great loss of our beloved Senator and friend, do extend and express by way of this resolution, the sincere sympathy of the members of said auxiliary unit to the following: The President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the United States Senate, and the members of the Armed Forces Committee; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow of the late Honorable VIRGIL CHAPMAN.

Respectfully submitted.

LUCILLE G. WILSON,
Legislative Chairman.
MRS. LEWIS F. GIFFORD,
ELIZABETH F. ROGERS,
Committee Members.

This resolution was unanimously passed March 20, 1951.

FLORA L. DENNISON,
President.
ELIZABETH F. ROGERS,
Recording Secretary.

FRIDAY, *April 13, 1951.*

Mr. CLEMENTS. Mr. President, I present for appropriate reference, and ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record, a resolution adopted on April 7, 1951, by the Stemming District Tobacco Association, Inc., of Henderson, Ky., in memory of their devoted friend, the late Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN.

There being no objection, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table and to be printed in the Record, as follows:

"Whereas VIRGIL CHAPMAN was up until the time of his death an authority on farm problems; and

"Whereas for many years VIRGIL CHAPMAN contributed freely of his time and energy for the betterment of rural Kentucky farmers as well as farmers in other parts of the Nation; and

"Whereas for over 30 years VIRGIL CHAPMAN worked to improve tobacco growers' income from the time the seed was sown until the growers received their money. He was always ready to raise his voice in the interest of those who tilled the soil in order that they might have a fair share of the income; and

"Whereas the farmers of Kentucky have benefited greatly by his presence in Congress of the United States; and

"Whereas farmers of Kentucky have received a great loss to their agricultural welfare of this State: Now, therefore, be it

"*Resolved,* That the Stemming District Tobacco Association does hereby, in this manner, take official notice of important facts hereinbefore set forth; and be it further

"*Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the good wife and family of VIRGIL CHAPMAN and that a copy be sent to the United States Senate and the House of Representatives."

This resolution passed April 7, 1951.

STEMMING DISTRICT TOBACCO ASSOCIATION,
By C. W. MALONEY, *President.*

Attest:

JENNIE H. SPARKS, *Secretary.*

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THURSDAY, *March 8, 1951.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Carrell, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution (S. Res. 96):

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret the announcement of the death of Hon. VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN, late a Senator from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That a committee of 10 Senators be appointed by the President of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. Friday, March 9, 1951.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Underwood].

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 160), which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. VIRGIL CHAPMAN, a Senator of the United States from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Senator.

Resolved, That a committee of nine Members be appointed on the part of the House to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I have the inexpressibly sad duty of informing the House of Representatives of the untimely death this morning of United States Senator VIRGIL

M. CHAPMAN. For 22 years he was a Member of the House of Representatives.

All who served with him in those years knew him well. This was easy to do because he had an immense capacity for friendship. He loved the companionship of other men. Often after his election to the United States Senate he would come back to mingle with his former colleagues in the House of Representatives.

This Chamber of the House of Representatives was to him a symbol of the representative government which sustains the Republic today in an hour of grave crisis. The lore and traditions of this august body were to VIRGIL CHAPMAN a part of the structure of our freedom and, too, a part of his very life. A magnetic personality, a brilliant and scholarly mind, a mastery of oratory of the old school, whose polished phrases thundered and flashed in every political campaign in which he engaged, combined to evoke the esteem and admiration of those who knew him best.

His intellectual integrity, his unblemished honesty in public service, and his ability to chart a direct course on public matters combined to give him the qualities of real statesmanship. To think straight is the measure of greatness. This virtue VIRGIL CHAPMAN inherently possessed. He practiced it and made it the keynote of every public utterance.

Reference has been made to his many friends in every walk of life. He often quoted the words in act 1, scene III, of Hamlet when Polonius said:

> Those friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
> Grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel,
> But do not dull thy palm with entertainment
> Of each new-hatch'd unfledged comrade.
> Beware of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in,
> Bear't, that the opposed may beware of thee.
> Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice;
> Take each man's censure, but reserve thy judgment.

Mr. CHAPMAN represented the old Ashland District whose name rekindles the luster of Henry Clay. The names of its

representatives, Clay, Breckinridge, Beck, Blackburn, Trimble, Cantrill, and others, read like an honor roll of American statesmanship.

In 1923 Joseph W. Morris, of New Castle, was named for the short term to succeed Mr. Cantrill. Mr. CHAPMAN was nominated in 1924 in the primary that followed. He served until 1928, when he was nominated but was defeated. This defeat showed him truly loyal to his party and fearlessly devout in his advocacy of religious tolerance and his declarations on that subject. There is little doubt that had he not been so outspoken in his support of Alfred E. Smith his tenure of office would have remained continuous and unbroken.

He was reelected to the House of Representatives in 1930 and for each year thereafter until 1948 when he was elected to the United States Senate.

In the House of Representatives Mr. CHAPMAN served on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He previously had served on the Public Works and Military Affairs Committees.

Mr. CHAPMAN was, truly, the best friend the tobacco farmers of Kentucky ever had. Numbers of his friends from the burley section of Kentucky had planned to come here Friday in regard to legislation and always followed his leadership. He was attorney for the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Marketing Association before the Triple A was organized under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933. In 1938, when the Agricultural Adjustment Act was rewritten to conform to the decision of the Supreme Court he was active in sponsoring, backing, and shaping such legislation. Several of the most vital amendments were supported and prepared or suggested by him in conference with his colleagues to whom he always gave full credit. These were the amendments which changed the base period for computing the parity price on tobacco in 1940, the enactment of a law to provide for continuance of quotas in 1943, and such legisla-

tion as the Stocks and Standards Act in 1935, the Tobacco Inspection and Grading Act, and the provisions in 1942 and again in 1950 for ceiling prices on tobacco in relation to parity price and other factors.

Mr. CHAPMAN proudly declared himself to be a Jeffersonian Democrat. He looked to the Congress in which he served so long to preserve the general Government in what Jefferson called "in its whole constitutional vigor." Never failing in his loyalty in support of the Democratic Party in national elections, yet as a Member of both Houses of Congress he exercised independence in the consideration of legislation.

He was a student of the life of Robert E. Lee and had one of the best private collections of pictures of General Lee. On the anniversary of the birthday of General Lee this year he delivered an address on Robert E. Lee under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the First Baptist Church in Arlington, Va. Last year he delivered in Washington at a breakfast under the auspices of the YMCA an address on Abraham Lincoln on the anniversary of his birth.

Mr. Speaker——

> 'Tis the wink of an eye; 'tis the draught of a breath
> From the blossom of health to the paleness of death.

In an almost unbroken period of a quarter of a century of public life, the opportunity had come within the past few months, and, indeed, the past few days, for Senator CHAPMAN to render to his country the most notable public service of a long and distinguished career.

He was a member of the Preparedness Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee which has worked prodigiously during the entire session of the present Congress on the military manpower bill and other legislation. The duties that fall upon a man, when responsibility comes to him, are accumulative. Mr. CHAPMAN had been designated by the Public Works Committee and Armed Services Committee of

the Senate to represent them on the Appropriations Committee. He was, also, a member of the Democratic policy committee which determines the course of legislation in the Senate.

In recent days Mr. CHAPMAN had spent long hours on the Committee on Armed Services and on the floor of the Senate. He had been in his office late last night preparing a statement in connection with the military mobilization bill now under consideration.

At the zenith of his long public career, at the height of his usefulness, in the midst of his labors, his tragic death has snatched him from these Halls where he spent so many years. He will be sadly missed and the sympathy of all goes to his devoted wife, daughter, and friends.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I shall be glad to yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I did not know Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN until I came here 2 years ago. During this time I have come to know him as a great statesman, a distinguished historian, a loyal, generous, and stanch friend. I am thankful for the privilege which has been mine to enjoy his friendship. Not only will his friends miss him but in his going his State and his Nation have suffered a great loss.

Our sympathy goes to his wife and daughter. Throughout the years to come, each one of us who had the privilege to know Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN, will be better able, because of the example he set, to serve our country.

Mr. SPENCE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I yield to the dean of the Kentucky delegation.

Mr. SPENCE. I have heard with grief of the tragic death of our distinguished colleague. I think everybody who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN loved him. He had those qualities that endeared him to his friends. You might count him as one who loved his fellow man. He had a splendid intellect, an intellect that caused everyone to admire him, but his qualities attributable to the heart are no less admirable than his intellect.

For 22 years he served his people in this body with great distinction and ability. They loved him with a deep love, and he returned that affection. He not only had a love for the people of his district but he had a passionate love for his native State. He was a great historian of the State of Kentucky and he could speak of its history and traditions with an eloquence few men possess.

We shall miss him; but he is not dead, for he still lives in the hearts of the people he served and those who knew him. He fell like the soldier falls upon the battlefield, like the mighty oak falls in the forest before the whirlwind. Why this tragedy occurs man cannot understand. God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. But we can still cherish his memory; we can still remember his great service and his good deeds. There are few men who have the ability to express their views as he did. There are few men who have the passionate desire to serve that he had. He exemplified that we will receive what we give. The people gave him that same devotion that he gave to them.

I express to his family my deep sympathy, and I express to the people of Kentucky my sympathy in the loss they have sustained. It is not only a loss to the State; it is a loss to the Nation, and it is a special loss to the Congress where he served so faithfully and rendered such conspicuous service.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I am glad to yield to the majority leader.

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, my friend, the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Underwood], during his very eloquent eulogy of our late friend, VIRGIL CHAPMAN, said among other things: "To think straight is the virtue of greatness." Those few words in themselves constitute an eloquent, an effective, and a powerful message. How true they applied to VIRGIL CHAPMAN, a man of great intellectual capacity which the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Underwood] has so eloquently referred to and which we who served with him knew he possessed in a most constructive way.

He was a man who thought clearly, who considered questions logically and who possessed the virtue of thinking straight. I agree with the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Underwood] when he spoke about the tolerance of VIRGIL CHAPMAN. What finer thing could any of us possess than an understanding mind, a mind that appreciates the views of others, a mind that respects the conscience of others as well as their views, a mind that is so high and noble that no matter what differences might exist between such a mind and another person along religious lines or along any other lines, it has a deep respect and understanding which enables such a person to live in complete harmony and peacefulness with his fellow man. VIRGIL CHAPMAN had not only a tolerant mind; he had an understanding mind.

Reference has been made to his many years of service in this body which he left to serve in the other body, bringing to that body the benefit of his many years of fine experience here and adding to the prestige of the other body of the Congress.

It happened that in the early part of January of this year I had one of my rare occasions to visit the Senate Office Building. In going along the corridor I saw the name of VIRGIL CHAPMAN on the door. I dropped in to say hello to him, to pay my respects as a friend. It happened that he was in on that occasion. We sat down and chatted. He was so happy to see me. He told me of a fact I had known

which occurred only a few days before then, his election or selection as a member of the Senate Policy Committee. I think he was also assigned to another standing committee of the Senate at the same time, a committee on which he felt he could render the maximum of service for the people of his State and the people of our Nation. We chatted as old friends for a half hour or so. The memory of the chat I had with him, in view of his tragic and sudden death, is one that will always linger and remain with me.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN, as the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Spence] said, loved his fellow man. That is another virtue of greatness. He was a man who had a sincere love for his neighbors, particularly those who were less fortunate than he.

We often find that words of the poet contain such logic and truth that when we memorize them they constitute a guide to us in our journey through life. I remember years ago reading the words of a poet, whose name I do not remember, who said:

> Not a soul beneath the sun
> But what is precious unto one;
> Not a heart e'er despised
> But what is sought for and prized;
> Fools who laugh at lack of graces
> Each man has so many faces.

As we are gathered here today and as I speak of this valiant friend of mine, this great American and statesman, the words of the poet that I have just quoted come to my mind. They are particularly applicable to VIRGIL CHAPMAN, because he loved his fellow man. He was not alone one who had a lot of friends, not alone one of great position and understanding, but VIRGIL CHAPMAN loved the unfortunate, the underdog. He loved his neighbor, a man who might not have a friend in the world. To us who have had the pleasure and the honor of knowing VIRGIL CHAPMAN, our lives are enriched and enobled as the result of our contacts with him, as well as the friendships that existed between us.

To Mrs. Chapman and her loved ones left behind I extend my profound sympathy in their hour of bereavement, and I join with the delegation from Kentucky in sorrow that each and every one of them have in the passing of a close friend and a valued colleague to each and every one of them.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California [Mr. Hinshaw].

Mr. HINSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words about VIRGIL CHAPMAN. For the 10 years from 1938 to 1948 it was my privilege to serve with him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. He at that time had already been a member of the committee for some years. During that 10 years, in the course of the work of the committee, we were closely associated not only here, but on the trips that the committee made to various places. It was my privilege to be very closely associated with him on those trips.

It has been said here on the floor that VIRGIL CHAPMAN was a kindly and a friendly man. He was. He was a friend to everyone whom he met. It has been said that he was a tolerant man. He was. He was tolerant of the views of others and tolerant of the ways of others, ways that might be different from his own. But, there was one thing, Mr. Speaker, that VIRGIL CHAPMAN was not tolerant of, and that was evil or that which he believed to be wrong. He was quick to arrive at a decision, those decisions which we all have to make, decisions which to some of us are very difficult to make. VIRGIL CHAPMAN arrived at those decisions quickly, and once having arrived at a decision as to what was right, he could not be changed. He would not tolerate what he believed to be wrong. In that sense he was one of the most rugged Members of the House of Representatives.

He was one who was steadfast in principle. Principle meant more to him than the vagaries of the day. That is one of the reasons why I, for one, was his great admirer. I think

we all admire a person of that kind. We look for them in the House of Representatives, and wherever we find them we say, "Well, I may not agree with this person but he certainly is a man of his convictions. His convictions are honestly arrived at. Therefore, he must have our deep admiration."

Mr. Speaker, it was a shock indeed for those of us who were long associated with VIRGIL CHAPMAN to read in the papers and to hear from his colleagues from Kentucky on the floor that he has passed now from our midst so suddenly and so tragically. His memory will linger long among us here. His stamp has been placed upon the legislation which has come from the House of Representatives and the Congress of the United States. His niche in history is one that cannot be taken from him. We mourn his loss.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Whitaker].

Mr. WHITAKER. Mr. Speaker, our colleague the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Bates] is meeting with a committee and cannot be here at this time. I ask unanimous consent that he may extend his remarks at this point in the Record concerning the late Senator CHAPMAN.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. BATES of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN, of Kentucky, was one of the outstanding statesmen of his day and time. He served the Government in the House and in the Senate from January 1927 up until his death this morning.

During all this time his fine character, intellectual integrity, far-seeing statesmanship, and wise counsel were outstanding. He loved his country and realized its great power and influence for good in world affairs.

There was nothing narrow about his vision. He saw with uncanny accuracy the likely unfolding of world events and threw his great vision and statesmanship into the struggle to bring his own countrymen and men and women everywhere a chance for peace and prosperity on a world-wide scale.

His convictions were founded upon deep thought. Compromises were not a part of his nature. He began and ended his great career with the same basic philosophy of government. The illustrious son of a great State, beloved by all who knew him, he left footprints that will endure for all time.

Mr. WHITAKER. Mr. Speaker, there is very little I can add to those things that have been said about Senator CHAPMAN. In trying to gather my thoughts together to express some side of VIRGIL'S life and character that has not been referred to, I thought of what a many-sided type of fellow VIRGIL was.

My good friend from California has touched one phase of VIRGIL'S personality that has always been most evident to me, that he had the courage of his convictions regardless of the time, the place, or the subject matter.

Let me tell you of a recent incident. When I picked up the Saturday evening paper, I saw a little line that said Senator CHAPMAN would address the Travelers' Crossroads breakfast at the YMCA on Seventeenth Street on Sunday morning at 8:30. That was just a month ago. Knowing VIRGIL as I did, of his admiration for Lee and that his library on Lee is the outstanding existing library, I got up at 7 o'clock on that Sunday morning and drove down to the YMCA. I went in, after all had gotten seated, to hear him make that speech. I have never heard any of you make as good a speech on Abraham Lincoln as did VIRGIL that morning. He showed to everyone present his knowledge and that he had studied his subject and that he knew whereof he spoke with reference to Lincoln and the wonderful man he was.

There is one other side to VIRGIL that has not been mentioned, and that is, to me, VIRGIL was a sweet man. He was a sweet character. He never would do aught to hurt anyone.

VIRGIL had some contests for office and he had opponents. Sometimes they jumped on him and said bad things about him. But he never tried to retaliate in any spirit of venom or meanness. I knew VIRGIL as a sweet man. The fact of the business is I used to tease him by saying that he was born in the great free county of Logan in the Commonwealth of Kentucky twice. My county is Logan County. Twenty-eight counties were cut out of the original county of Logan and the county of Simpson, in which VIRGIL was born, right on the line between Logan County and Simpson County, in the village of Middletown, which, of course, was at one time in Logan County. I used to tease him and tell him that just for political purposes he was trying to claim he was born in four counties, Allen, Simpson and Logan, and Logan County twice—in Logan County the voting precinct would be Schochoh.

My friends, the citizenship of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky, regardless of politics, will mourn over the loss of one of her most valiant and gallant sons whose passing was so untimely and just at the peak of his ability to best serve. His going will be thought about and considered for years and years. VIRGIL'S life as a public servant is a beautiful memorial which we, his friends, shall always revere.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck].

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, not for a long time have I been so grieved at the passing of a person not a member of my own family. Since learning of the death of my good friend, VIRGIL CHAPMAN, I have reflected on why I feel this way about him. I know now that it is because he really was one of the finest friends I ever had and one of the finest men it has ever been my privilege to know. His passing

again proves that death is inevitable and that death may be much more imminent than we think. I dare say VIRGIL CHAPMAN was not afraid to die, but I do say he died much too soon—at the height of his powers. What a great sorrow it is for us. What a great loss it is to the Nation and the State of Kentucky that he is gone. But it is not for us to decide those things. Such judgments are made in higher places.

I, too, first came to know VIRGIL CHAPMAN personally as a member of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. There I saw evidenced all of these fine qualities to which reference has been made by the various Members who have spoken. I saw there his demonstration of courage, his devotion to conviction and principle, his tolerance of those who on occasion disagreed with him. As I came to know him better I found that he was one of the most remarkable men I ever knew, remarkable because while seldom did he speak his views either in committee or on the floor of the House, when he did, it was with a conviction which carried with it persuasion. His talent was an ability to express himself with an eloquence the like of which I do not think has been possessed by any colleague of mine here in my time.

As someone said a moment ago, so many things have been said of VIRGIL CHAPMAN it is difficult to add anything. I might, however, make this observation. I know of his knowledge of literature and of his understanding of many of the events and facts of history. Many times friends of mine who met VIRGIL CHAPMAN would talk to me later of their impressions. Those impressions are the impressions that have been expressed here by those of us who knew him so well. Without exception on every occasion those people have said to me, "I was amazed at the depth of that man's knowledge and at his understanding of the great problems before us. I thought he was one of the finest men I ever met."

What greater tribute could be paid to the memory of any man?

I am so deeply sorry VIRGIL CHAPMAN has gone that I find the tragic fact difficult to believe. I join with those who have said that his imprint upon the affairs of the Nation, his imprint upon the personality and character of every one of us who was privileged to know him will ever shine forth even though he has gone.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Chelf].

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad and heavy heart that I come before you today. The news of the untimely and sudden death of our former House colleague and present senior Senator from Kentucky, the Honorable VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN, has left me numbed with a feeling of frustration, grief, and shock.

VIRGIL, as we all loved to call him, first came to the House of Representatives in the Sixty-ninth Congress and served faithfully and ably up to and including the Eightieth Congress. On November 2, 1948, the great people of Kentucky, as a reward for his long years of outstanding statesmanship, service, loyalty, and devotion to duty, elected our old friend VIRGIL as the junior Senator from Kentucky. Within approximately 3 weeks, when the Honorable Alben W. Barkley, our then senior Senator, was sworn in as Vice President of the United States, our friend VIRGIL became our senior Senator from Kentucky.

VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN was truly a gentleman and a scholar of the old school. A real Chesterfield. He was a courageous, energetic, honest, sincere, loyal, devoted, fair, and an able statesman. He was loved and respected by all who had the good fortune to know him. He was, indeed—in truth and in fact—a genuine and a real friend of the farmer. He had the reputation of being the undisputed champion of the tobacco farmer. In the long years of his faithful service

in the House of Representatives, he sponsored and passed in the Congress of the United States more legislation which was beneficial to the farmer, and especially the tobacco farmer, than any other Member of the Congress. As many older Members have often said: "VIRGIL has done more for the tobacco farmer than all of us put together."

VIRGIL loved this Nation, his State, his district, his constituents, and his fellow man with such devotion that it was a source of inspiration to all who knew him. His sage advice and counsel; his friendly interest; his keen analytical mind; his oratorical ability; his kindness, consideration, and good judgment, together with his ready smile, endeared him to his friends and commanded respect and admiration of any adversary who might have opposed him in any legislative battle.

The beneficial legislation which he sponsored in the House of Representatives is far too numerous to mention, but every housewife of America today is indebted to this great and stalwart son of Kentucky for his fight for the Pure Food and Drug Act, which insures her that her food on her table and her medicine in her cabinet will always be clean and wholesome.

This distinguished and outstanding American, this great Kentuckian, who hailed from the heart of the bluegrass section of our native State, spent practically his entire lifetime in honorable and worth-while service to his country. The Nation, our beloved Kentucky, and people everywhere have not only been greatly enriched but generously endowed by his extraordinary contribution to posterity.

To his loved ones and to his legions of friends I extend my deep and heartfelt sympathy. May God, in His infinite wisdom, comfort them all with the knowledge and the assurance that our dear friend VIRGIL has definitely earned a place in that great mansion of rest on high.

Mr. MORTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I yield.

Mr. MORTON. It is with a feeling of great personal shock that I heard the news of the untimely and tragic death of our former colleague, the senior Senator from Kentucky, VIRGIL CHAPMAN. That feeling of shock, Mr. Speaker, was shared by hundreds here on Capitol Hill and I know that it is shared by thousands in Kentucky.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN had a host of friends in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, both Republicans and Democrats, throughout the entire State, not only in the famous Ashland district that he represented for so many years.

He knew the history of our State as well as any man I have ever known; he knew the traditions of our State; he knew its great heritage, and he went forth from Kentucky to serve his country as an ambassador for our Commonwealth.

I am one of those Kentuckians who will be forever in the debt of VIRGIL CHAPMAN for what he did in our State. I know that I express the feelings of the people down home when I say that we will miss VIRGIL CHAPMAN and extend our sympathies to his wife and daughter.

Mr. GOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I yield.

Mr. GOLDEN. Mr. Speaker, I believe that every Member of this body from Kentucky feels almost as sad as if he had lost a member of his own family. There is a very close fellowship among the Members of Congress here from Kentucky. We have many meetings, and the very spirit of that wonderful friendship was typified by Senator CHAPMAN. He was one of the most beloved characters it has ever been my privilege to know. As an example of his greatness, his capacity for friendship, tolerance, and understanding, I want to tell my colleagues that when I first came to this body, fresh from a hot, hard political campaign, and being a member of the opposite party to that of Senator CHAPMAN, VIRGIL was

one of the first men to welcome me here in Congress. He said to me: "Jim, down in the good old State of Kentucky we set apart the month of October and early November each year for politics. After the election there is no more politics. We join here regardless of party lines to serve the great people of Kentucky." That was not an empty gesture on the part of the senior Senator from Kentucky; he was most sincere in that expression. I can testify for the two and a half years I was associated with him here in the Congress to the truth of that statement. On every occasion that I had to consult him in the many duties of a Member of this House he was always anxious to join me and other Members in performing any service for his people back home. I do not believe that this great man whom we have lost and whom we loved so dearly ever thought when he was called upon to render a service for someone who lived in his native State, I do not think it ever occurred to him to ascertain whether the person were a Democrat or a Republican. He loved his service in Washington. He enjoyed a noble and a distinguished career. We will honor his memory. It is with profound sorrow I realize that we have lost a great friend.

It was said of Will Rogers that he never met a man he did not like. If there is any man in my acquaintance that same thing can be said of, it is Senator CHAPMAN. I do not believe that he ever met a man he did not like. He had a great capacity for love of his fellow man.

My deepest sympathy goes to his wife and daughter. Kentucky has lost a great statesman and a great servant.

Last year when Kentucky was celebrating its two-hundredth anniversary and all Kentucky was looking to my district and the first house west of the Alleghenies built some 200 years ago we had a great bicentennial celebration and I invited Senator CHAPMAN to go down to his native State and speak in my home district for this first house that was

erected. I knew he was a man who loved Kentucky, I knew he was a man who was well informed on the early history of our great State.

I can say to you, Mr. Speaker, that I have never heard a more beautiful, a more appropriate address than he gave there in honor of his own home State on that memorable occasion.

I join with my colleagues in expressing to his family and to his many friends my deepest sympathy.

Mr. GREGORY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. GREGORY. Mr. Speaker, the hearts of all Kentuckians are heavy today, the heads of all Kentuckians are bowed in grief over the untimely passing of our native son and our friend. Words are futile at a time like this to really express the feeling which we hold within our hearts, but I think I can say that all Kentuckians who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN, and most of them did, that all of our colleagues who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN, and most of you did, that people everywhere who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN, realize they have lost a friend.

I, too, have lost a friend, Mr. Speaker, for I think you know personally of the long friendship that existed between VIRGIL CHAPMAN and myself. I feel a very distinct loss. My heart is very heavy. I shall forever cherish the memory of this loyal, lasting, and true friendship.

I merely want to pay simple tribute to his memory and to join with the thousands of Kentuckians and my colleagues in the two bodies of Congress and with people everywhere in all walks of life who knew him in expressing my deepest sympathy to his wife, Mary Adams Chapman, and to his lovely daughter, Elizabeth Grimes Danforth, and her family.

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. UNDERWOOD. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed difficult upon an occasion such as this to speak of one of your dear friends who has passed away. I considered VIRGIL CHAPMAN one of my very good friends.

I think you had to serve with VIRGIL on committees and be with him on some of the committee trips before you really knew him. I shall remember all the days of my life some of the delightful visits that we had upon such occasions. His tremendous knowledge of history and of the classics was a matter of astonishment to me. The history of Kentucky and the early history of this country, the history surrounding Lee and the history of Lincoln, were things which VIRGIL loved to speak about.

Two of the most beautiful classic speeches that I have heard since I have been in Congress were given by VIRGIL CHAPMAN. I think he absorbed in his reading the classical style of the old school of orators, such as Clay and Webster, more than any other modern statesman. One of his colleagues from Kentucky spoke of VIRGIL being a sweet man, and that literally describes him. He was a kindly soul. He never wanted to hurt anyone and he loved to be kind to people. One of the last times I saw him, in the hallway between here and the Senate, he said "Joe, come over and visit with me at the office." And I said, "VIRGIL, I shall." He meant it, and I meant it. I regret that I did not get to keep my promise; I know that VIRGIL would understand.

I think everyone who really knew VIRGIL loved him; you could not help it. Certainly I shall miss his friendship. I shall always glory in and treasure the fact of having known him. Certainly I extend every sympathy to the great State of Kentucky, to the Kentucky delegation, and to his fine family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Perkins].

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, it was difficult for me when I received word this morning from Senator CHAPMAN'S office to believe that he had passed away. My colleagues have known this great American for a much longer period of time than I have had the privilege of knowing him. But when I came here as a freshman Congressman and realized what a sympathetic understanding VIRGIL CHAPMAN possessed, it gave me much confidence. On numerous occasions I called on Senator CHAPMAN for assistance on legislative problems and he was always ready to render every assistance possible.

His efforts were untiring in behalf of his colleagues at all times in trying to help them solve their problems. He was energetic, often working until a late hour at night on the numerous legislative matters confronting the welfare of this country. He was tireless, able, capable, and possessed all the attributes of a great American. Now we lose his quarter of a century experience in this and the other body. Not only is his passing a loss to all Kentuckians and the Kentucky delegation, but we Kentuckians and all the Members of this body who knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN know that his passing is a great loss to the Nation from the standpoint of the contribution that he was making in the military preparedness program at this time in the Senate.

We all regret the passing of Senator CHAPMAN. We will remember him as one of the great Americans who has served his country well and who has on all occasions been firm in his convictions. Whatever else may be said about VIRGIL CHAPMAN, it must be said to his everlasting credit that he had the courage of his convictions and the will power to back them.

Again I want to say that all Kentuckians are mourning the loss of Senator CHAPMAN. I extend my deepest regrets to his family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Patman].

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, while driving to the Capitol this morning and listening over the radio to the 8 o'clock news broadcast the announcer said United States Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN had been painfully injured in an automobile accident during the early morning. This was a great shock to me, but about 2½ hours later when the news came to Capitol Hill that VIRGIL had passed away, I realized that I had lost one of my best friends, and the country had lost one of the greatest statesmen I have ever known. He was not only an able, sincere, honest person, but he was one of the very few remaining genuine orators of the old school whose logic and eloquence were always used in a fine, constructive, patriotic way in the interests of the people and the country. His untimely passing is a great loss to his friends and particularly the people of the entire Nation. He was a good, genuine, loyal friend and one of our greatest Americans.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Lyle].

Mr. LYLE. Mr. Speaker, it is good that VIRGIL CHAPMAN lived; good for those fortunate people who were privileged to walk and talk with him; good for the Nation he so ably served.

He possessed a great heart which he shared with thousands; a great mind which he used for the betterment of his Government.

I am glad I knew VIRGIL CHAPMAN, Mr. Speaker, he enriched my life.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Williams].

Mr. WILLIAMS of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, VIRGIL CHAPMAN was my friend, and I his. Though I came here in the Eightieth Congress—Mr. CHAPMAN'S last term in this

body—I came to know him intimately as a friend and associate.

Mr. Speaker, no man ever served a people with more energy, ability, and devotion to duty than did VIRGIL CHAPMAN. He adhered immovably to the Christian principles of Constitutional American Democracy.

Whatever mistakes, if any, he might have made in the discharge of his public responsibilities were errors of the head and not of the heart, for he never deviated from the dictates of his conscience.

Our Nation has lost one of its most distinguished statesmen, and Kentucky mourns the passing of one of its most beloved sons. I have lost a true and loyal friend. God has recalled one of His noblemen.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have the privilege of extending their remarks at this point on the life and services of the late Honorable VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

Mr. PRIEST. Mr. Speaker, all that is mortal of VIRGIL CHAPMAN soon will be placed at rest under a canopy of bluegrass that grows so rich in the verdant vales of his old Kentucky home.

His spirit has become one in that great cloud of witnesses and we shall continue to feel the compulsion of his presence here where he served his State and Nation with such devotion and distinction.

The legislative annals of the Nation have been enriched by the eloquence, the persuasion, and the logic of his oratory.

Mr. Speaker, I share the feelings so feelingly expressed by the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. Halleck]. The loss of a member of my own family only could have given me a greater shock or caused a greater sense of personal loss.

There are times when words are weak and futile and only deeds and character are great. This is such an occasion to me. The character and personality of VIRGIL CHAPMAN seem much bigger than anything that I can say about this stanch and stalwart friend of so many people.

I join with members of the Kentucky delegation and others in expressing my very deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. LUCAS. Mr. Speaker, I join with the many others of his dear friends who express such deep sadness over the death of Senator VIRGIL CHAPMAN. I have a feeling of gloom because VIRGIL CHAPMAN was particularly beloved by me. He had a knack of making others love him, such a knack as has been proved here where so many of us from different sections of the country are bereaved in this loss. But VIRGIL CHAPMAN seemed to extend himself to favor me when I was a new Congressman not only by actively helping me but by giving excellent advice. He was, in my mind, a paragon to be emulated.

Words have been said here about his capacity for straight thinking. Time and again on this floor I saw evidence of his perspicacity, his ability to see through the sham and the dross which often comes to the top in public questions, and to go unvaryingly to the heart of the matter before us. A straight thinker indeed was VIRGIL CHAPMAN. An honest man is the sublimest work of God.

We here are the losers and our loss will be felt keenly and for a long time, but I must express my sorrow that the people of Kentucky and the people of the United States have lost such a diligent and able legislator. My heart goes out in sadness to his family and to his friends.

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I arose this morning to learn with profound shock of the accident which was to take the life of our beloved colleague, VIRGIL CHAPMAN. VIRGIL had served for many years with us in the House of Representatives, and comparatively recently he had gone to the Senate.

Of course, we in the Congress are profoundly shocked and saddened, shocked and saddened almost to the point of not being able to express ourselves. A bright day, coming over the horizon, with its gentle spring breezes and its warm sunrise, promising so much to a troubled world, has been turned into a day of sorrow and lamentation through his death. For VIRGIL was much beloved in Washington as he was in Kentucky and over the Nation.

Since moving to the Senate, our friend became a member of the Armed Services Committee in that body. It was then my good fortune to often have occasion to talk to him about legislation and about the dreadfully important problems which are companions of our national defense efforts. Always did I find Senator CHAPMAN interested in these problems, sincere and resolute as to their determination, and friendly and anxious to help this Nation in our critical hours. It was always a genuine pleasure to work with him and to pause during the course of a dull, drab discussion of defense affairs to listen to his little witticisms and his little stories of humor and of pathos.

Mr. Speaker, I close this day with a heavy heart, heavy in the thought that we have lost a real friend and heavy in the thought that the Nation has lost one of its truly outstanding public servants. His great soul has sped into eternity; and as I look upward at the close of this day, I pray that his soul rest in peace.

Our sincere sympathy goes to his family in this dark hour.

Mr. SHORT. Mr. Speaker—

> And when he fell in whirlwind, he went down
> As when a lordly cedar, green with boughs,
> Goes down with a great shout upon the hills,
> And leaves a lonesome place against the sky.

Mr. Speaker, these unforgettable words spoken by Edwin Markham about Abraham Lincoln can well be applied to another great Kentuckian, VIRGIL MUNDAY CHAPMAN.

Indeed, he has left a lonesome place against the sky for many thousands of people in Kentucky whom he has represented for so long and so well in the Congress of the United States, and particularly for his colleagues in both Houses of the United States Congress. My sky is very lonesome today.

For 22 years VIRGIL CHAPMAN served the old Ashland district of Henry Clay as a Representative, and for 18 years I have been closely and intimately associated with him.

Perhaps it is because my mother's people came from Kentucky that I felt a rather close affinity for VIRGIL CHAPMAN, but more so because of our fundamental beliefs in the philosophy of government.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN was a very stanch and unwavering Democrat, and I am a strong and rather inflexible Republican. Both of us believed implicitly in the two-party system of government as established by our forebears. Because he was strong in his faith and was loyal to his party I respected and admired him, and much as he might have differed with me on many questions, I know in my heart that he had the same kind of feeling toward me. We were personal friends, and never shall I forget his sincere sympathy, deep understanding, and utter loyalty to a friend. To have a friend a person must be one. Senator CHAPMAN had an enormous capacity for friendship and no one could really know him without loving him.

Mr. Speaker, after serving tirelessly, faithfully, and well, his constituents of Kentucky for more than a score of years in the House of Representatives, he was elected to the Senate of the United States in 1948. Because he served on the Armed Services Committee of the Senate and I served on the Armed Services Committee of the House, we naturally sat in conference on much highly controversial legislation. Always, Senator CHAPMAN was considerate and kind, manly and masterful in maintaining his own position, but always patient, willing, and generous in listening to the other man's views.

It can be truthfully said, I think, that few men ever served in Congress with a broader or a more vast historical knowledge of our American history than VIRGIL CHAPMAN. He was admitted to the Kentucky bar before graduating from the university. He possessed an encyclopedic and accurate knowledge of the history of our country, particularly the Civil War period. He was an ardent Democrat and a loyal son of the Confederacy, and, while my ancestors fought his, we had a sort of understanding between ourselves. He was a great scholar and a ravenous student of the Civil War. He knew more about that conflict between the States than any person I have ever known. His amazing knowledge of men and events of that period staggers the wildest imagination. He could tell offhand when the major battles were fought, by whom, and how the conflicts ended. His knowledge of details and the accurate information he had concerning not only the battles but men and events was almost incredible.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN loved Robert E. Lee, and the encomium he pronounced upon Henry Clay at the unveiling of his statue in the Capitol at Washington is one of the most eloquent and inspiring eulogies ever paid by one man to another. I sincerely hope that every Member of the Congress will take time to read the oration delivered by VIRGIL CHAPMAN at the unveiling of the statue of Henry Clay in Statuary Hall.

Many things that Mr. CHAPMAN said on that historic and impressive occasion about Henry Clay could well be applied unto himself. I want to quote only one brief paragraph:

> He loved Kentucky and Kentucky loved him with a love that amounted to adoration. He loved Ashland, his beautiful home in the environs of Lexington. He loved his silken-coated, fleet-footed thoroughbred horses. He loved the marvelously beautiful, gentle, undulating fields and paddocks of the fairest pastoral country beneath the stars—the bluegrass region of old Kentucky. He loved all of Kentucky. He loved its brave, proud, and chivalrous people. He loved "its flowers, its birds, its dews, its rainbows, its glad streams, its vales, its mountains, its green, wooing woods, its

moonlit clouds, its sunsets, and its soft and dewy twilights." His name is indissolubly associated with Kentucky's history and tradition. Kentucky is proud of his life of service; Kentucky cherishes his renown.

Mr. Speaker, it is not the accomplishments of VIRGIL CHAPMAN in the public arena, in many heated campaigns when he was elected to the House of Representatives and later to the Senate of the United States, that impress me most.

It is VIRGIL CHAPMAN'S qualities as a person more than his victory as a politician; it is more his sense of fairness, understanding, and forgiveness than his triumphs at the polls over his political adversaries; it is the warmth and loyalty of his friendship more than his cool judgment or iron logic; it is more his honesty and integrity than his profound and extensive knowledge that will make men remember him.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN, true patriot, red-blooded American, honest legislator, and loyal friend has won an undying and imperishable place in the hearts of all his colleagues and good citizens. He did not live perfectly—because no human does—but he lived fully and faithfully, true to his conscience and his oath of office. Long after his critics are dead and the calumniators of his honor are forgotten, the noble name and precious memory of VIRGIL CHAPMAN will live in resplendent glory. He possessed understanding, sympathy, and forgiveness. Never in the many years of our close association have I heard him use profanity or vulgarity, and with high patriotism and consecration to carry out the functions of his office and to perform fearlessly his duty he has won for himself a towering monument in the hearts and minds of his fellow men.

Mr. Speaker, the silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken, the pitcher is broken at the fountain, and the wheel broken at the cistern; the dust is returned to earth as it was, but the spirit of a great and good man has returned to the God who gave it.

To the wife and dear daughter of VIRGIL CHAPMAN go the sincere sympathy, the earnest prayers, and the deepest solace born of an undying gratitude of his many colleagues and myriad friends who knew and loved him most.

Mr. HALE. Mr. Speaker, I do not want to remain silent while others are praising VIRGIL CHAPMAN. Throughout the Eightieth Congress I served with him on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce and had occasion to take several committee trips with him. He was a very genial man and a very congenial man. It was always entertaining to be with him. On public occasions he was a master of old-fashioned oratory, which kept everyone in good humor.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN was such an entertaining man and his traits of character were so endearing that it was easy to forget that he was a serious and able legislator. I happened to serve with him on a subcommittee in connection with legislation to amend the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act of 1938. I was a good deal surprised to discover that Mr. CHAPMAN was an expert in the field of food and drug legislation, much of which he had helped to draw. He was invaluable on the subcommittee.

I was sorry when Mr. CHAPMAN left the House to become a Member of the United States Senate, but I was reconciled to my personal loss, because I felt sure that as a Senator he would have a long career of national usefulness and all the personal satisfactions to be derived therefrom. It is sad to reflect that this career is now cut short. I join with the many Members of this body and the other body in mourning his loss.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and tragic death of Senator VIRGIL M. CHAPMAN, of Kentucky, is a profound shock to all of us.

It was my great privilege to serve with VIRGIL here in the House of Representatives, and he and I came to be very good friends. He possessed a remarkable intellect and was a great

historian who had a wonderful knowledge of the traditions and colorful background of his native State of Kentucky. He loved his fellow man and was always kind and gentle and tolerant of the views of others. He was a man without any sign of pretense, which was one of the reasons I had such admiration for him. Is it any wonder that a man possessed with so many attributes was so deeply admired and loved by his legions of friends? From my association with him, I am confident that he never during his life bore any ill-feeling or dislike toward anyone.

Senator CHAPMAN enjoyed a successful and distinguished career in the service of his country. The people of the State of Kentucky and the Nation mourn his passing, and the membership of the United States Senate and his former friends and colleagues in the House of Representatives are deeply saddened upon the loss of such a loyal and faithful friend.

I have lost a true friend who helped to enrich my life. I shall always cherish his memory.

To his wife and daughter I extend my sincere sympathy in their sad hour of bereavement.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Rayburn], the Speaker of the House.

Mr. RAYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I undertake the most difficult task I have ever faced. I could not have loved VIRGIL CHAPMAN more than I did unless he had been my own blood brother. In return for that he gave me all the love and the loyalty that a great and a good soul was capable of giving.

A towering man in intellect and in character, his was, as Mr. Whitaker said, a sweet soul. His was a great soul.

Today, out there somewhere, if mighty spirits of departed giants are meeting, when the spirit of VIRGIL CHAPMAN approaches he will be received as an equal by the mightiest of them all.

For years we served upon the same committee together. I always knew where VIRGIL CHAPMAN stood. I knew if he could

find out where the interests of the plain man lay, there he would take his stand.

We are poorer today than we were on yesterday. The State of Kentucky is poorer today than it was on yesterday. Our great country is poorer because this wonderful man has fallen, too early in this journey.

To his wife and his daughter, both of whom I know, I extend the sympathy of a broken heart. His friendship to me was an enriching treasure, in the memory of which I shall not be poor.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints the following Members on the part of the House to attend the funeral: Messrs. Spence, Gregory, Bates of Kentucky, Chelf, Morton, Whitaker, Golden, Perkins, and Underwood.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the further resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 12, 1951, at 12 o'clock noon.

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